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Gay age of consent to fall

Teachers face ban on sex with pupils

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TEACHERS who embark on a sexual relationship with any pupil under the age of 18 could be guilty of a criminal offence under proposals to be put forward by ministers today.

The new law, which is designed to allay fears about the lowering of the age of homosexual consent, would apply to all relationships between minors and authority figures, and cover young people living in residential care, foster care, boarding schools and members of the Armed Forces.

The change, which will be signalled by the Home Office minister Alun Michael during the age of consent debate, was agreed after detailed discussions between David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, after Labour backbenchers expressed concern about people abusing their positions of authority to exploit teenagers.

Mr Blunkett, one of only two members of the Cabinet who voted against lowering the homosexual age of consent to 16 when the issue was last debated in 1994, described the move as a breakthrough that would go a long way towards allaying the concerns that he and others had expressed.

Joe Ashton, the MP for Bassetlaw, has secured 30 signatures to an amendment calling for a ban on all sexual relationships where one party was in a position of "authority, influence or trust", and support was growing over the weekend.

He also secured the backing of Sir William Utting, the former chief inspector of social services, who produced a 200-page report last year on the safety of children "living away from home" — including children with special needs in boarding schools. The report, which took a year to complete, found that abuse was widespread.

Sir William said last night: "Young people of 16 need greater protection from the criminal law than they currently enjoy. I am concerned that children living away from home may be taken advantage of by people who in a position of trust and who have power and authority over young people."

Mr Ashton, who was confident his amendment would be called during today's debate, said: "The report by Sir William Utting revealed a horrifying catalogue of sexual abuse. Many MPs, who are not anti-homosexual and believe in sexual equality, are worried nevertheless about the widespread sexual exploitation of children in foster care, boarding schools, private and local authority homes."

MPs are expected to vote by an overwhelming margin to reduce the age of consent for homosexuals to 16, with all three main party leaders backing the change. Stonewall, the sexual equality group which has drew up the amendment to the Crime and Disorder Bill, is confident of the support of more than 400 MPs. Mr Blunkett has yet to decide whether to join them, but Ann Taylor, the Leader of the Commons who also voted

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"It's a wonder anybody's got time to think about sex"

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CHRIS HARRIS



Lenka and Pavel Seifter celebrating the release of their schnauzer, Cutty, with a party for their friends' dogs yesterday

Party animals make a diplomatic effort

BY ALAN HAMILTON

IN a discreet piece of diplomatic lobbying, the Czech Ambassador held a party on his lawn yesterday for his dog-owner friends to mark his pet's release from the rigours of British quarantine laws.

The occasion was billed as a celebration of canine liberty and joy, with dog biscuits, human biscuits in the shape of bones, a canine beauty parade and a hunt-the-hidden-microphone contest. But there was little doubt that the Czech Republic's most senior diplomat in Britain felt aggrieved at being parted from his dog, and would much prefer Britain to fall in line with the rest of Europe on the matter of unrestricted travel for dogs with valid passports.

The party pet, called Cutty, is an 11-year-old schnauzer. While her owner Pavel Seifter, the Czech Ambassador to London, breezed into Britain on his diplomatic passport, Cutty was detained for six months at quarantine kennels in Oxted, Surrey.

Yesterday's show was stolen by Fergal, an Irish wolfhound, through sheer size. Oscar, a golden retriever, was altogether too forward and Freddie the French bulldog was so noisy and ill-tempered that he appeared to be trying to repay the English for wrecking the Marseilles waterfront.

"The Czechs love dogs, and especially schnauzer; even President Havel has one," said Mr Seifter. The good soldier Schweik, hero of the only piece of Czech literature likely to be familiar to the average Briton, steals schnauzer. "While Cutty was in quarantine, at least she learned some English, which is more than can be said for Freddie; just listen to that bark."

But Cutty already appeared to have forgotten her new language. She would sit on the command "*Scevni*", but not on the word "Sit". As for Freddie, he did not appear to know the meaning of the word in any language.

Tax bill for 'blood money'

Frank Gilford, the brother of an Australian nurse murdered in Saudi Arabia, faces a huge tax bill for the "blood money" he was paid to spare the life of her alleged British killer, it has emerged. Having donated A$1 million to a children's hospital, he could end up in debt ..... **Page 13**

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Massive overtime needed to cut hospital waiting lists

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITAL waiting lists will not fall unless the NHS achieves an increase in productivity unparalleled in its 50-year history, Sir Alan Langlands, chief executive of the service said yesterday.

Productivity would have to increase by 10 per cent if Frank Dobson were to keep his promise of reducing the list by 150,000 over the next ten months — and that would mean overstretched staff working unsustainable amounts of overtime.

Waiting lists are now longer than the dole queue and Sir Alan's assessment of what is needed to deal with them will put extra pressure on the Health Secretary, who has admitted his embarrassment at how long they have become since Labour came to power.

At the end of March, 1.4 million people were waiting for treatment, and numbers are thought to have increased since then. Unemployment now stands at 1.36 million. Mr Dobson personally promised that, by the end of next April, waiting lists would be down to the 1.16 million level he inherited from the Tories last May. He then has to try to keep Labour's "early pledge" to cut the lists by at least 100,000 more before the next election.

Sir Alan said in an interview with *The Times* to mark the 50th anniversary of the health service that the extra £400 million he had been given to do the job should be enough, "but the workload increase involved is very significant".

In the year ending in March the NHS performed 10.8 million operations, almost 2 per cent more than the previous year, which was itself a record. Even so, the waiting list grew by more than 180,000 and it is still growing at the rate of 400 a day.

This means that Mr Dobson's promise can be met only if there is an unprecedented burst of productivity by surgeons throughout the winter, when pressure on emergency admissions is greatest. Staff in many areas are already working at full stretch doing extensive overtime.

☐ The full interview with Sir Alan will appear in *The Times* tomorrow.



Sir Alan: NHS staff already overstretched

German hooligans riot in France

BY ADAM SAGE AND ADRIAN LEE

GERMAN hooligans fought running battles with French police in Lens before Germany's match with Yugoslavia yesterday as violence again blighted the World Cup. More than 30 were arrested after gangs threw beer cans, tables and chairs at police. One officer was in a coma after being hit on the head.

Police in Toulouse were conducting their largest-ever security operation for England's game against Romania tonight. Half the 1,800 police have riot training and the man in charge of the operation said they would act quickly to prevent a repeat of the violence in Marseilles. It is estimated that 8,000 England fans will be in Toulouse, about half without tickets.

Four England supporters recognised by British police as Category C hooligans were arrested yesterday in Toulouse. About 100 known hooligans are already in Toulouse.

One of England's worst hooligans, Martin Townsend, 35, was intercepted as he disembarked from a Eurostar train in Paris. Sources said Townsend, who has served a four-year term for assault, had been tracked from his home in Manchester. He was later deported from France.

After the trouble with German fans, French authorities spoke of their concern that England's game against Colombia in Lens on Friday may attract violence. Police said French hooligans were planning to travel to Lens, where they may be joined by Germans and Belgians.

Yesterday's trouble started when German supporters drinking in cafés attacked some of the 700 police on duty in the town. The hooligans, some of whom are known to German police as neo-Nazis, were "organised and operating as a gang", police said.

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Five hours with no sport – what *shall* we do?

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND DEBORAH COLLCUTT

IN 62 years of British television, there has never been a week like this. The World Cup, the French motor racing Grand Prix, European athletics and, starting today, the Wimbledon tennis championships combine to make this the busiest week of televised sport.

Out of 168 available hours, more than 163 will be taken up with televised sport across the five terrestrial channels — leaving a little under five for other functions essential to the armchair sportsman such as eating, sleeping, ordering takeaways and popping to the supermarket to restock the fridge. Only the dismal performance of England's cricketers, thrashed inside four days by the South Africans, prevented coverage reaching virtual saturation point.

However, BBC officials were discussing last night whether to show more live sport, canned coverage of sport or, heaven forbid, some alternative programmes.

Apart from Wimbledon, the most exhausting day for the dedicated sports viewer will be Saturday when nearly 28 hours is scheduled to be shown across the five channels, with the BBC alone showing sport non-stop from 11.30am to 5.45 pm on BBC1 and from midday to 8.30pm on BBC2.

The World Cup is expected to attract the highest audiences with England playing tonight against Romania and Scotland meeting Norway tomorrow. Both games will go out at the peak viewing time of 8pm.

Many women, who spent the weekend queueing outside the All-England Club for the start of the Wimbledon tennis championships today, described themselves as "World Cup widows". They have left their husbands and boyfriends at home to watch the football, preferring to try to get seats for the No 1 court.

Second in the queue was Frances Burgess, 38, from Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, together with her friend, Sarah Halsey, 28, from Aylesbury, who had been camping since 9pm on Friday.

First place went to two men. Where were they? Miss Burgess replied: "Oh, we are keeping their places safe for them. They have gone up to the village to watch the World Cup on television."

As Wimbledon arrives, so the summer departs. Last night the Meteorological Office said the warm spell — with London reaching 26C (79F) and Aberdeen an unusually warm 24C (75F) — is soon to give way to scattered showers.

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Bishops divided on age of consent



Carey: he has publicly opposed the changes

Carey heads opposition to law change, writes Andrew Pierce

SENIOR bishops were divided yesterday over the decision of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, publicly to oppose the move to reduce the homosexual age of consent to 16.

A group of churchmen in the Return to the Old Paths Campaign will present a petition to Tony Blair at Downing Street today urging him to reconsider his decision to support the proposed change.

But supporters of the move from within the Church are also marshalling their forces. The Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, and the Bishop of Worcester, the Right Rev Peter Selby, are to back the legislation when it reaches the House of Lords. Dr Selby, who pledged his support for the change to *Gay Times*, said yesterday: "While we should all be concerned about protecting young people from exploitation and aim to convey the Chrstian understanding of the place of sex in human life, I believe that the bishops' statement sends the wrong signal.

"It is bound to be heard as a wish on the Church's part to continue to criminalise 16 and 17-year-old gay youngsters. In fact I believe that the present difference in the age of consent has the opposite effect to the one my colleagues and I are seeking.

"I also believe that when the criminal law discriminates in this way, society appears to give permission for prejudice against gay people, and it exposes them to the violence and rejection which many of them continue to experience.

"I hope that Parliament will agree to lower the age of consent for gay people to 16 in line with that for heterosexual people. I believe that having a different age encourages other forms of discrimination against gay people."

But ranged against him was the Archbishop of Canterbury, who has conveyed his feelings on the matter to the Prime Minister. Dr Carey stated that changing the law would send "*wrong messages*" about the way young people should behave. It marked the most serious clash between the Church and the Government since the election.

The Bishop of Bradford, the Right Rev David Smith, backed the Archbishop. He said: "I am in general agreement with the statement by the Archbishop. Bearing in mind I support the thrust of the statement, I would prefer MPs not to vote for the change. But if they are going to do it we will have to live with it.

"The big question for me is over the comparative maturity of boys at the age of 16. My desire is to offer to provide protection for them from undue pressure until they are of an age where they can make their own mind up."

A statement from the House of Bishops said that leaders of both Church and State had a duty "to protect them from harm and exploitation and to offer them a vision of what is good. "Pressures are at work to legitimise any and every lifestyle, irrespective of any difference of value and quality between them. These pressures should be resisted."

A spokesman for the Archbishop of Canterbury said that he stood "with the majority" of the House of Bishops.

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Measures are illiberal and unnecessary, say teachers' leaders

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

TEACHERS' leaders said last night that the Government's plan to criminalise sexual relations between older teenagers and adults in positions of authority was unnecessary.

One union leader accused ministers of bringing forward an illiberal and vindictive measure aimed at dealing with a very small problem in schools.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, which represents 175,000 teachers, said: "This is taking a sledgehammer to crack a very small nut. It is illiberal and unnecessary.

"The age of consent for everyone else, both in heterosexual and homosexual relationships, is being reduced to 16 but for a group of people it is increased to 18. They are being vindictive towards a particular section of society."

Mr de Gruchy added that, while the age of consent for homosexuals was being lowered to 16, the Government was imposing a stricter moral code for a certain group of people. The issue should be left to the profession's own disciplinary codes.

There have been no discussions with the teaching profession over the proposal, which would also affect residential social workers looking after children in care, care workers, doctors and foster parents. At present many professions with members in positions of authority over vulnerable young children have voluntary codes of conduct banning such behaviour. Dismissal can follow discovery.

But often sexual activity with children in schools and care homes has begun well before the child is aged 16, which means it is already an criminal offence.

John Dunford, general secretary elect of the Secondary Heads' Association, said that it was already a disciplinary offences for a teacher to have a sexual relationship with a pupil, whatever the age, as it undermined the school community and betrayed the trust implicit in the relationship between a teacher and a pupil.

Sexual relationships between pupils and teachers was a "rare problem" in spite of teenagers reaching puberty at an earlier age.

Mr Dunford, headmaster of Durham Johnston School in Durham, said that disciplinary procedures within schools were sufficient to deal with the problem rather than involving the criminal law.

The move to criminalise sex between teenagers aged 16 to 18 and people in positions of authority over them follows publication of the Utting inquiry into child abuse in children"s homes, which uncovered a catalogue of abuse.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE LAW



1533: Henry VIII passes act making buggery a legal rather than religious offence. Homosexual activity apart from buggery not illegal.
1630: Earl of Castlehaven beheaded for buggery.
1836: Last execution for buggery.
1861: Offences Against the Person Act removes death penalty for buggery or sodomy and replaces it with jail from ten years to life.
1885: Gross indecency between men made illegal.
1895: Oscar Wilde convicted of gross indecency.
1921: Attempt to criminalise lesbian sex passes Commons but fails in Lords.
1957: Wolfenden Report recommends that homosexual behaviour in private between consenting males over 21 should not be a criminal offence.
1962: Call for early action on report lost by 215 to 101 votes.
1967: Sexual Offences Act allows sex between consenting men over 21 in private.
1988: Section 28 of Local Government Act bans local authorities and schools from "promoting" homosexuality or teaching that it is acceptable.
1994: Age of consent for sex between consenting men in private lowered to 18.
1996: Man wins approval for his case against unequal age of consent to go to Europe.
1997: Chris Smith becomes first openly gay Cabinet Minister; Europe ruling over age of consent prompts government to promise free vote; foreign nationals in gay relationships win right to settle in UK.

JOEL SAGET



Devil's advocate: a gay protester on the march in Paris calling for the right to marry

Catholic censure receives Chirac's backing

From Adam Sage in Paris

MORE than 35,000 gays and lesbians marched through Paris at the weekend to claim the right to marry and to add their voice to a debate that has opened up a rift in French society.

As the procession crossed the capital, President Chirac placed himself at the head of provincial Roman Catholic opposition to the homosexual lobby. Speaking in Perpignan, southern France, M Chirac came out strongly against gay marriages, adding to pressure on a left-wing Government that has already been embarrassed by the issue.

The President said that homosexual couples, who were "denied the gift of procreation", should not benefit from marriage laws "laid down, in reality, in the interests of children". His words were a stinging rebuff to the colourful protesters who swarmed through Paris on Saturday in what they described as a mood of renewed militancy.

Many expressed anger at the socialist-led Government's retreat from an electoral promise to give gay and lesbian couples the same rights as heterosexuals, except in adoption. That pledge infuriated the Catholic lobby, which won backing from rural, church-going communities horrified at what they saw as an attack on family life. More than 12,000 small-town mayors signed a petition to denounce the Government's project.

In an attempt to find a compromise satisfactory to Parisian activists and conservative provincials, the Cabinet this month backed a proposal that has become known dismissively as the "B-marriage".

The Civil Solidarity Pact is a contract to be signed by unmarried couples — whether homosexual or heterosexual — giving them legal status. They would be able, for example, to make joint tax declarations and to benefit from the inheritance tax rebates available to married couples.

Last week, the Justice Ministry said that legislation would be passed this autumn, but its announcement provoked fury on both sides of the debate. Gay rights activists said the pact was insufficient, mainly because it did not provide for a town hall ceremony of the sort that has officialised all marriages in France since the Revolution.

'Super' maths is the key to ending poverty

By Mark Henderson

INNER CITY schools should recruit maths "super-teachers" as a key plank of strategies to tackle social exclusion, according to a study of poverty published today by the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR).

Research for the influential left-leaning think tank suggests numeracy skills have become an important indicator of later employability and wages, making maths teaching a crucial part of the education offered by any school in a deprived area.

The book, *An Inclusive Society — Strategies for Tackling Poverty*, urges the Prime Minister to make recruiting bright maths teachers who can enthuse their pupils a priority. Spending extra money on wages to entice the best to schools in poor areas would have a dramatic effect on their pupils' chances in later life, it suggests.

One American study has shown that extra earnings among women, previously associated with going to college, can actually be accounted for by higher maths scores obtained at high school. There are clear links between poverty and general educational achievement, with 63 per cent of England's long-term poor lacking any educational qualifications at all.

"Being poor at maths does seem to be bad news for individuals in income distribution," said Howard Glennerster, professor of social policy at the London School of Economics and author of the book's chapter on education.

"One of the best things we could do to help children in poor areas would be to make sure that each primary school in such areas had at least one first-rate maths teacher who would make maths rewarding and exciting and help the other teachers to do so."

The idea should be adopted in Education Action Zones, where private companies will get involved in improving education, Prof Glennerster said.

"Targeting schools in poor areas with a top class core of maths specialists would not be a bad place for the Secretary of State for Education to begin in the Education Action Zones. It would also help keep bright children in those schools.

"It is clear that carefully thought-out quality interventions targeted at low performers, both adults and children, especially in poor areas, could make a difference to employability."

Pre-school teaching is also urged as a means of boosting later achievement: studies in the deprived London borough of Tower Hamlets show much better results in tests among children who have had nursery teaching, especially among those for whom English is not the first language.

Teenagers hopeful of change

By A Correspondent

TEENAGE gay rights campaigners yesterday expressed hope that a reduction in the age of homosexual consent to 16 would herald a new age of equal rights.

David Cohen, 16, from London, said a change in the law would be "a bit late but definitely welcome after all these years". His 17th birthday is this week and he hopes the Government will give him reason to have a double celebration.

He is a volunteer with Stonewall, the lesbian and gay pressure group, and yOUThspeak,a support network and campaigning group for homosexual and lesbian teenagers, and is confident this country is ready to accept that gay teenagers exist and should have a legal voice.

"I don't want to be someone who breaks the law. I want to be a law-abiding person," he said.

"There is a lot of support for lowering the age of consent and for me it is a very important issue. It is a matter of equality of giving 16 and 17 year olds a voice.

"Changing the law will send out a message that gays are valued members of society. It is very sad that in 1998 the law still discriminates against people because of who or what they are."

David, an articulate 'A'-level student in Wimbledon who hopes to be a pilot, believes attitudes are changing towards young gays. He came out just over a year ago and has been lucky enough to be supported by his parents, Dr Alan Cohen, a GP, and Elaine Cohen, an NHS manager, and his friends.

Other teenagers believe a change in the law will help them come to terms with their sexuality. Lee, 16, from south-east London, said lowering the age of consent may give him the courage to tell his parents and friends that he was gay. He criticised the "iniquitous" system in which he was labelled a criminal but not his straight classmates.

"I want to tell my parents but I can't at the moment. They'd have too much to worry about without the fact that I'm under age as well.

"But changing the law to 16 would empower me and give me the support I need to be able to come out. If the law backed me then who I am cannot be wrong.

"If I wanted to sleep with my boyfriend I would be breaking the law and that worries me. He's 18 and could be prosecuted for corrupting a minor. A law like that just cannot be right."

Teachers sex ban

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against in 1994, will abstain or vote against. Most of the Shadow Cabinet is also against the change.

Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, yesterday backed a statement from Anglican bishops warning that changing the law would send "wrong messages" about the way young people should behave, raising the prospect of the bishops mobilising support in the Lords to overturn the legislation. The Archbishoip has not ruled out speaking in the debate when it reaches the upper house.

A spokesman for the Archbishop of Canterbury said he "stands with the majority" of the House of Bishops in opposing the change. The bishops' statement says that leaders of both Church and State have a duty to protect young people from harm and exploitation and to offer them a vision of what is good.

Hundreds of gay rights campaigners are expected to gather outside the House of Commons for the debate. Violence broke out when MPs rejected 16 the last time round and the doors to the House of Commons were closed to prevent protesters breaking in.

Outrage!, the militant homosexual rights group, yesterday called for an age of consent for everyone at 14. Peter Tatchell, the Outrage! spokesman, said: "An age of consent of 14 for gay and straight people would bring Britain closer into line with legislation in 20 other European countries."

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Soldiers trapped on Alaskan mountain

Fears are growing for British pair trapped on one of the world's most savage peaks, writes **Joanna Bale**

BATTLING frostbite and hypothermia, two British soldiers were trapped in blizzard conditions 19,000ft up North America's highest mountain last night after an expedition that left half of their ten-man party injured.

Corporal Carl Bougard and Sergeant Martin Spooner have spent three nights stranded without food 1,000ft below the 20,320ft summit of Mount McKinley in Alaska. The uninjured corporal agreed to stay on the mountain with Sergeant Spooner, who broke his ankle and leg in a fall on Thursday, while their four colleagues went for help. During their descent, one of the four fell 1,500ft and broke both his legs.

All the men had been rescued by Saturday, apart from Sergeant Spooner and Corporal Bougard. Rescuers from the National Park Service are waiting for the weather to clear to allow them to use a high-altitude helicopter to reach the pair.

The men, both 35, do not have a radio, but have been seen through binoculars.



Captain Featherstone: broke legs in 1,500ft fall

Weak, cold and hungry, they are equipped with a stove, two bivvie bags — a cross between a tent and a sleeping bag — and down jackets for protection against 50mph winds and temperatures of -30C.

If the weather does not improve, a team of US Army climbers camped at 17,000ft has agreed to sacrifice its own attempt on the summit to form a ground rescue party. However, they are at least eight hours' climbing away from the two Britons.

Daryl Miller, a ranger, said yesterday: "The wind has dropped but there is still a bit of snow about and we are certainly not going to be able to go up there for the next few hours. But there have been a couple of patches of blue sky this morning and we are hoping things will improve."

Jane Tranel, a National Park spokeswoman, said: "Our first priority is to make contact and then to drop supplies. At the moment the men are locked in."

The soldiers were part of a team from the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, the Royal Marines, The Parachute Regiment and the Army Physical Training Corps. They had been on a climbing and kayaking training expedition and were trying to become the first to travel from the summit of Mount McKinley to sea level. The £20,000 trip — half of which was paid for by the tax-payer and the other half by sponsorship and personal contributions — was intended to provide the men with training in extreme conditions.

Major Peter Emery, of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, said he remained optimistic that the men would be rescued. "Bougard is not only uninjured, he's also a very mature person, who has done an awful lot of climbing. We're not talking about someone who's 19, but someone who's in their 30s and extremely resilient."

Problems began on Thursday evening when Sergeant Spooner, of the Army Physical Training Corps, fell 300ft down a notorious gully known as the Orient Express, with Lance Corporal Steve Brown, 26, of the Royal Engineers, and Captain Phil Whitfield, 23, of the Royal Marines, who were all roped together.

The team's leader, Captain Justin Featherstone, 28, and Corporal Bougard, of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, stayed with Sergeant Spooner and Corporal Brown after the fall, while Captain Whitfield and Sergeant Jonny Johnston, 33, began to descend the mountain to raise the alarm at a Park Ranger camp at 14,200ft.

Corporal Brown and Captain Featherstone also attempted a descent from 19,000ft late on Friday, but fell about 1,500ft down the Orient Express, landing at about 15,500ft. Captain Featherstone suffered head injuries and two broken legs. Corporal Brown had head injuries from his original fall and was said to be suffering from frostbite.

Fifteen climbers have died on the route since 1972, including Major Mark Trevillyan of the Royal Army Dental Corps, who died last year.

An MoD spokesman said last night that the team was highly trained and well-equipped: "This was an unfortunate accident."

Captain Featherstone's mother, Linda, of Taunton, Somerset, said there was obviously a "desperate situation" on the mountain. "I cannot wait till he comes home so that I can give him a hug. I have been worried sick."

Corporal Bougard's girlfriend, Paula Wanstall, 27, of Canterbury, said: "I remember the last thing Carl said to me before setting off on this expedition is that he'd rather spend the time with me than on a freezing mountaintop. Now I wish he had."

AL GRILLO



Two soldiers have been stranded without food for three nights on the upper slopes of Mount McKinley, which claimed the life of another British soldier last year

COLD AND WINDY DISASTER ON GIANT PEAK

June 1st: team of ten British soldiers fly to US for "Summit to Sea" expedition to climb Mount McKinley in Alaska and then kayak and raft three interconnecting rivers from the mountains base to the sea at Cook Inlet.

June 14 (approx): After setting up a base camp, acclimatising and informing rangers of their proposed route to the South Peak, six of the team set off for the summit.

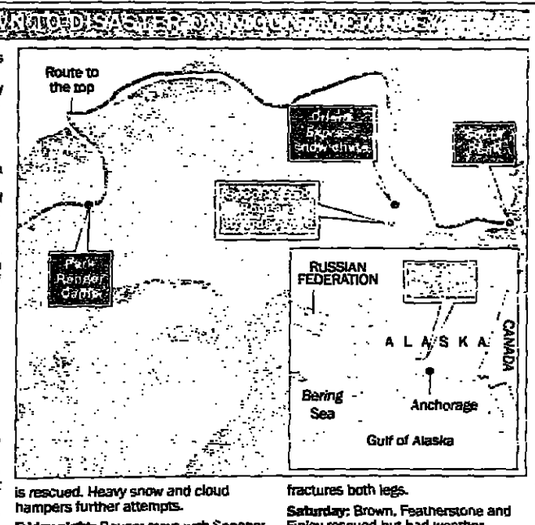
June 18, Thursday 7pm: Spooner, Brown and Whitfield fall 300ft down steep gully, along the north side of the West Rib, called the Orient Express while roped together, landing at 19,000ft.
Spooner breaks ankle and leg; Brown suffers minor head injury.

Thursday night: Whitfield and Johnston begin descent to Park Ranger camp at 14,200ft to raise alarm.

Friday 1am: Americans Billy Finley and Jeff Munroe (on separate expedition) suffer multiple injuries after falling down Orient Express at 18,000.
They are found at 15,500 feet by Whitfield and Johnston who reach base camp and raise the alarm. Only Munroe, the most seriously injured, is rescued. Heavy snow and cloud hampers further attempts.

Friday night: Bouger stays with Spooner while Brown and Featherstone attempt descent, but fall 2,000ft. Featherstone fractures both legs.

Saturday: Brown, Featherstone and Finley rescued but bad weather continues to prevent rescue of Spooner and Bougard.



Royal Marines on trial for 'bullying' recruits

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN OFFICER and two NCOs from the Royal Marines face a court martial today after allegations of ill-treatment of commando recruits.

The Royal Marines military police carried out an 18-month investigation after a number of recruits attempting to pass the rigorous 30-week commando course complained of bullying.

The more senior of the two NCOs, Sergeant David Foggin, is charged with five offences of ill-treating trainees. Corporal Steve Ampblett has been charged with one offence of ill-treatment. Lieutenant Michael Geldard faces one charge of improper behaviour for allegedly failing to report incidents of bullying. The ill-treatment is alleged to have occurred at the Marine's training base at Lympstone, near Exeter.

In 1996 several trainee commandos complained that they were punched and kicked during the course. There were also complaints that trainees were being forced to do "punishment" press-ups and pull-ups.

When the allegations were first made, they caused some bewilderment at the Lympstone camp because the commandos are proud of their tough reputation and punishment press-ups were considered part of the policy of preparing recruits for one of the most physically and mentally demanding roles in the Forces.



Marines do the longest basic training in Nato

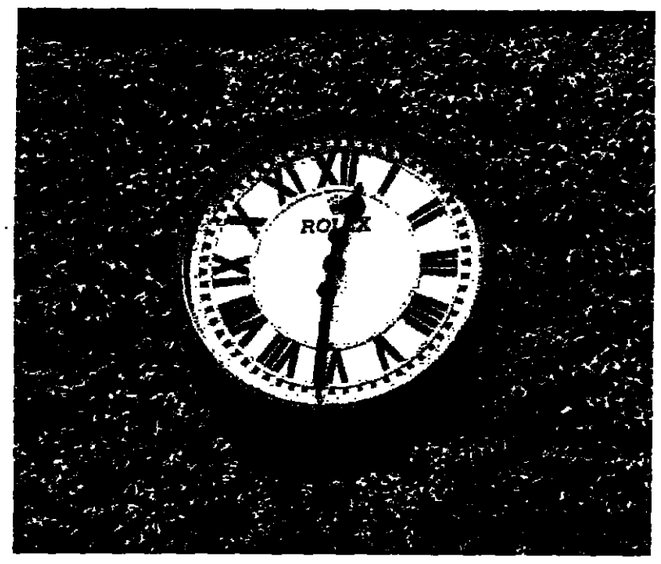
The Marines, like the other services, emphasise that there is "zero tolerance" for bullying and that any allegations of ill-treatment, racial or sexual harassment are rigorously investigated.

The Commando Training Wing at Lympstone is responsible for the training of all recruits for the Royal Marines. The course is the longest basic infantry programme in Nato.

In the first 15 weeks recruits receive instruction in physical training, map-reading, first aid and nuclear, chemical and biological warfare. The second 15 weeks includes the assault course and speed marching with heavy equipment.

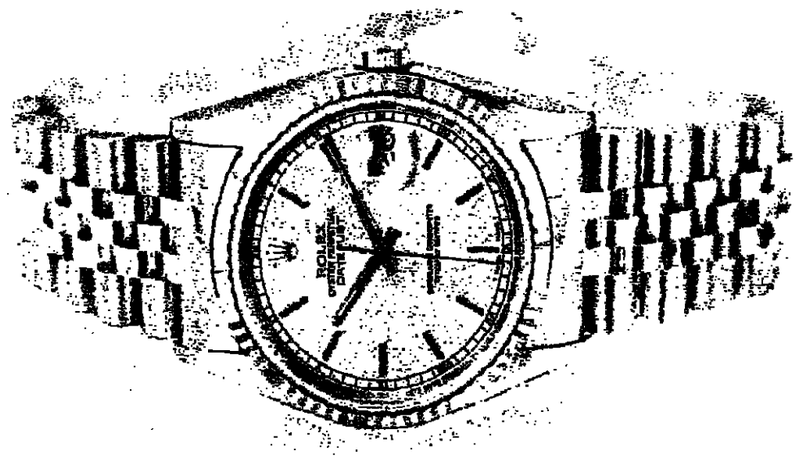
The course ends with the most gruelling commando tests, the "Tarzan" assault course, a nine-mile speed march, the endurance course and the infamous 30-mile hike across Dartmoor.

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Busy MPs have no time for landmines

Pledge to ratify 'Diana' treaty will not be kept, writes **Andrew Pierce**

BRITAIN will not meet its pledge to ratify the landmine ban championed by Diana, Princess of Wales, before the first anniversary of her death because of the Government's packed legislative programme.

Ministers have conceded defeat in the race to ratify the Ottawa Treaty because the rush to create a Northern Ireland assembly has blocked the parliamentary timetable. But campaigners for the ban accused the Government yesterday of betraying the Princess's memory by its failure to enshrine the treaty in law by August 31.

When Britain signed the treaty in December, the Prime Minister and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said Britain would lead the world in the removal of anti-personnel mines. Mr Cook was determined that Britain would be in the first wave of 40 countries to put the required legislation on the statute book. Only after the treaty is ratified by 40 countries can landmines be banned.

Mr Cook has lobbied Ann Taylor, the Leader of the Commons, to try to make time because he fears that the failure to move more swiftly will undermine his ethical foreign policy.

The Princess's high-profile trips to Angola and Bosnia put the issue of landmines at the top of the human rights agenda. The organisers of the international campaign were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The UK Working Group on Landmines has written to every MP urging them to sign a pledge card agreeing to give up a Saturday to facilitate the ban becoming law. "I am willing to take this unprecedented step because I want to rid the world of anti-personnel mines," the card reads. So far 25 countries, including Ireland, Canada, Bosnia, Norway and Croatia have passed the necessary Bills. A further 14 countries are on the brink of passing them.

Clare Crawford, a spokeswoman for the Mines Advisory Group, said: "It is very disappointing. I think Diana would have been heartbroken. Ministers made a big issue of saying they would ratify the treaty to honour Diana's work. But they cannot find one day for the Bill to be passed through. It would have been a fitting testament to her work if Britain had been the first country to ratify. Now it seems we will be among the last."

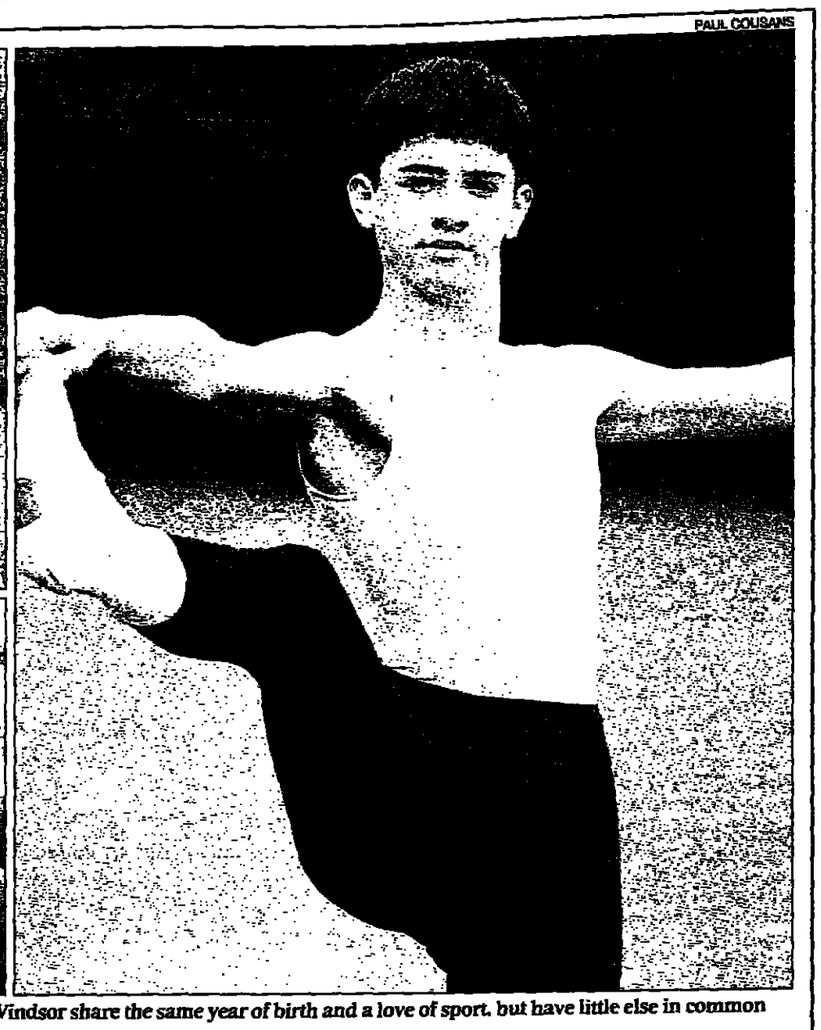
Many Labour MPs have lobbied ministers to try to find a solution and the Government's spin-doctors are anxious about the public reaction to the failure to ratify.

But a senior government source said: "There is no time. We have virtually no chance of getting it through by the end of the summer. We support the treaty and we will ratify [it]. But it is impossible to say how long it would take to get it through. It is not as if we could could just pass it on the nod. Too many people would want to speak on such an emotive issue."

Mrs Taylor, in a letter to the UK Working Group on Landmines, which is made up of charities such as Oxfam and the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, said: "We remain committed to legislating domestically to implement the convention as soon as we can."

But she said that there was a limit to the amount of legislation that could be passed in one parliamentary year. "It is particularly difficult to add Bills once the session is well under way."





PAUL COUSANS

Prince William, Peter Windus, top left, and Steven Windsor share the same year of birth and a love of sport, but have little else in common

Together at birth, but worlds apart

Stephen Farrell and **Russell Jenkins** on the boys who flank young Prince on 1982 register

A WOULD-BE ballet dancer, an aspiring cartoonist and the future King of England have little in common except the accident of birth that lists them together in the register of children born in England and Wales 16 years ago.

Windsor, Steven Robert; Windsor, William Arthur P.L. (His Royal Highness Prince) and Windus, Peter Trevor, grew up in vastly different circumstances. Prince William will never experience Peter Windus's fear of being beaten by teenage gangs on the top deck of buses in Croydon, South London, or Steven Windsor's struggles with dyslexia that made him choose dancing over drama because he found it hard to read texts.

Two have seen their parents' marriage break up and all three have just finished GCSE examinations. The Prince celebrated his 16th birthday yesterday with friends.

Steven Windsor was born in Bolton General Hospital on August 12, 1982, the son of Robin, a design engineer, and Patricia, who runs her own mobile sandwich business. He attended Thelwall County Junior school in Warrington and has dreamed of becoming a classical ballet dancer since he first went to dance classes at the age of six. Since his parents split, he has lived with his mother, older brother Philip and younger sister Kara in a neat suburban semi-detached house near Thelwall.

He sat seven GCSEs at Lymm High School but has his heart set on entry to a dance academy, and an ambition of joining the English National or Royal Ballet. Of his namesake, he says: "I would not swap places with Prince William — I couldn't be a dancer. I cannot think I have much in common with him. I cannot imagine what his life really is like, but he was very close to his mother, just like me. There the similarity ends."

Peter Windus, who was born on July 4, 1982, in the Mayday Hospital, Croydon, lives in a newly built three bedroom housing association house with his mother, Pamela, and father, Jack, who is handicapped. His older sister Elaine, 21, has just finished reading English at Manchester University and he hopes to go on from his nine GCSEs at Edenham High School in Shirley, near Croydon, to study A-level English and GNVQ Advanced Art. He won a competition to design an anti-litter logo at the age of seven, and the picture and slogan now adorn bins around his home town.

His ambition is to work in film animation as a cartoonist. His bedroom bears evidence of a keen support for Arsenal Football Club and admiration for the actresses Liz Hurley, Jennifer Aniston and Gillian Anderson. He believes his state education and natural talents have equipped him for any challenge. "The start that I have had is as good as anyone else's," he says. "It doesn't really matter about money, it's what you have got in your head that makes you a better person."

Like the Prince, he shares an interest in young female pop stars and admits that his one pang of jealousy is over the Spice Girls' recent visit to Highgrove. "Apart from the money, I would just like to travel and meet all those high-class people, like presidents. And the Spice Girls. And All Saints."

Princess fund gives £500,000 more in grants

By Deborah Colquitt

PROJECTS helping families affected by Aids or HIV, the homeless and survivors of domestic violence are among ten recipients of up to £60,000 each in the latest grants announced by the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Yesterday's grants from the trustees of the fund come 11 days after the announcement of a previous ten. In March 100 organisations were invited to submit proposals that would benefit "vulnerable young people", children "the socially excluded" and "survivors". Further grants will be made in the coming weeks.

Among the latest grants, which total £532,351, is £60,000 to the St Matthew Society to accommodate homeless people in Norfolk, where the Princess spent her early childhood before moving to the Spencer family home in Northamptonshire.

Although it was one of many charities she gave up in 1996 to reduce her public workload, organisers said it was always close to her heart. Gary Barnes, the regional organiser, said: "She always had a special connection to Norfolk and was deeply concerned about the changes in society, particularly farming, taking place here that have caused widespread homelessness in recent years."

The St Matthew Society provides homes and counselling for single, vulnerable or homeless people, accommodating them in a "family" of six and helping to reintegrate them into society.

The Aids charity London Lighthouse, in which the Princess took a close interest, has been awarded £60,000.

The other new grants are:

£60,000 to the Passage, a group refurbishing a building in Victoria, Central London, for homeless over-25s; £58,736 for Refuge, a safe house for women and child victims of domestic violence; £50,000 to the British Youth Opera; £53,000 to Gloucestershire County Cricket Club for a sporting education centre; £52,000 to ChildLine; £60,000 to Scottish Pre-School Play Association; £28,615 to Chester Summer Music Festival; and £50,000 to the Albany, an arts education project in Lewisham, southeast London.

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Police fear missing girl will not be found alive

Mountain rescue team help in hunt as officers continue to question young man, reports **Russell Jenkins**

POLICE and mountain rescue volunteers intensified their search yesterday for a 13-year-old girl missing for four days.

Claire Hart, described as a trusting teenager who looks much younger than her age, disappeared on Thursday morning as she walked from the village of Eaton, in Cheshire, to Dane Valley High School, Congleton, less than a mile away.

Her adoptive parents, Robin Hart, a landscape gardener, and his wife, Katherine, are clinging to the hope that Claire, who was last seen talking to a stranger with a shotgun, will be found safe and well. But detectives fear they are effectively conducting a murder investigation.

Superintendent Derek Barnett said yesterday: "As the search enters a fourth day our concerns grow and we must accept that the situation is not looking good."

The teenager, who wears distinctive glasses, set off from her home on an estate of detached houses at 8.25am in pouring rain, carrying her schoolbooks in a black rucksack. She had a black Marks & Spencer coat over her blue school uniform: the fur-collared coat has been found on a riverbank. She was last seen talking to a youth, aged around 17 or 18, in a field. He appeared to be carrying what looked like a shotgun broken over his shoulder.

Forty police officers trained in search techniques were joined by around 50 volunteers from the Peak District mountain rescue team to help to search undergrowth, fields, farm buildings and an industrial site along the River Dane.

Their work was hampered



Claire: disappeared on her way to school

by impenetrable brush, disused drainage shafts, ditches and the steep, sodden banks along the river. Frogmen who had been diving along a two-mile stretch of the river spread their search further afield late yesterday in case the river had carried Claire's body downstream.

On Saturday night, magistrates gave police an extra 36 hours to question a young local man said to be helping with their inquiries.

Over the weekend Mr and Mrs Hart appealed to their daughter to come home. They said that her sister, Michelle, ten, wanted her back home. The Harts adopted both girls four years ago.

As a police spotter plane flew overhead, villagers spoke of the "bubbly, trusting" girl who loved to roller-blade along the pavement. Her slight figure, in her blue school uniform, was a regular sight. Roy Waltho, 76, a parish councillor who lives opposite the Harts, said: "She is a lovely girl who would show no fear. Rather naive and trusting, she would not be afraid of speaking to anybody. We used to see her every day going to school and coming home. She would always give you a shout and a wave."

Mr Waltho said that villagers had recently spotted a young man standing on a patch of grass beside the road not far from Claire's home. They had seen Claire and the young man together several times. When asked her about him, she had apparently replied that he was in Eaton to "see his gran".

PHIL NOBLE



Volunteers from the Peak District mountain rescue team worked with police yesterday to search for Claire

Bristol doctors blame managers for child deaths

IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIX senior consultants at the Bristol Royal Infirmary yesterday accused the Health Department, the Royal College of Surgeons and NHS managers of failing miserably to do more to prevent unnecessary loss of children's lives during heart operations at the hospital.

They said in a statement that those agencies had not only heaped indiscriminate, sanctimonious blame on doctors in Bristol, but had failed to do anything to stop operations going ahead.

James Wisheart and Janardan Dhasmana, the two paediatric heart surgeons at the hospital, and John Roylance, the chief executive there at the time, were found guilty last week of serious professional misconduct after an eight-month inquiry.

Mr Wisheart and Mr Roylance were ordered to be struck off. Dr Dhasmana was banned from operating on children for three years.

The disciplinary hearing investigated 53 hole-in-the-heart operations at the hospital between 1988 and 1995. Twenty-nine children died and four were left brain-injured. In their statement yesterday the consultants said that, from the early 1990s, concerns about what was happening were expressed by Steve Bolsin, a consultant anaesthetist at the hospital, and other doctors. Those approached included senior surgeons in other cardiac surgical centres, the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Department of Health and senior management at local level.

The statement added: "There is no doubt that all who expressed concern now feel remorse that they did not do more to prevent the unnecessary loss of children's lives and futures. However, it should be clear that one reason for this was the systematic and complete refusal, not only of senior trust management in Bristol but also — and particularly — of the governmental and professional regulatory bodies to take action.

"It is now disgraceful that these very agencies or their representatives are willing to give statements to the press and sit in sanctimonious judgment over the failure of 'doctors in Bristol' when the very agencies which they represent have failed just as miserably."



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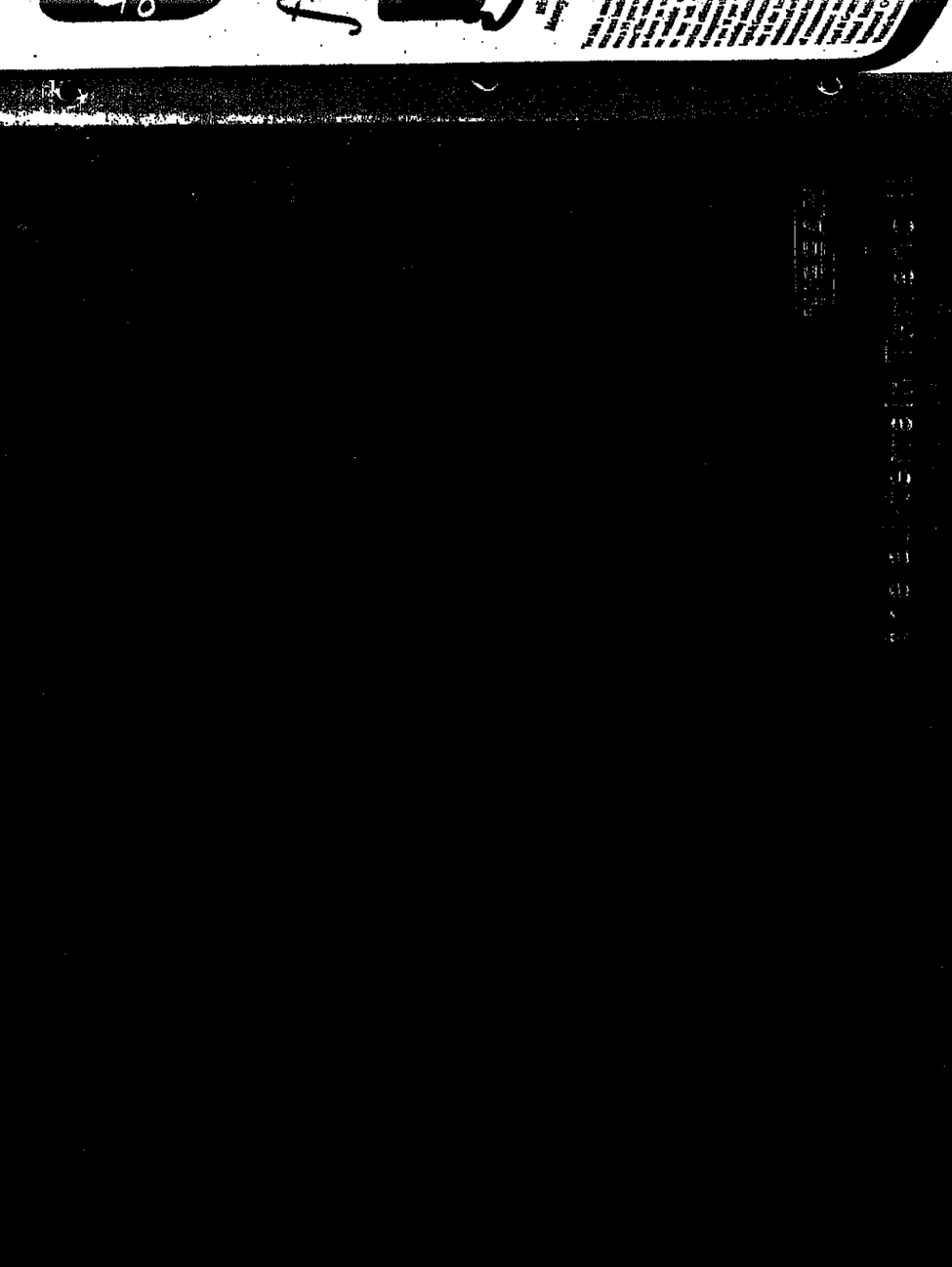
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Ex-pats fear Toulouse backlash

English workers say 'antagonistic' French need no excuse to find fault, reports **Damian Whitworth**

IT IS not just the French who fear the English. The English fear the English, although they worry about shattered reputations rather than broken bones or windows.

As Toulouse battened the hatches yesterday before this evening's match between England and Romania, the city's large expatriate British community looked on anxiously. In recent years, 10,000 Britons have invaded the city to realise the dream of working — and, more importantly, living — in southern France. They are alarmed that the behaviour of a few visiting countrymen might strain their own friendly relations with the natives.

"The English community is very credible here, and I hope that will not be damaged by anything that might or might not happen. It would be very sad if it was," said Martin Mowat, who has lived in France with his family for seven years.

Mr Mowat, 47, owned a wine business and worked for his local church in Buckinghamshire before he and his wife, Charlotte, decided that they wanted their three sons to be bilingual and to bring them up in France. They bought and renovated a stone farmhouse in Montjoi, an hour's drive northwest of Toulouse. They divide their time between Montjoi and a home in the Toulouse suburbs, from where Mr Mowatt runs his marketing business.

The family have more French friends than British and feel integrated into the community. However, they fear that the English could become tainted by the association with hooliganism. "The French have a happy knack of picking up anything negative as soon as they can. I'm wary with the football hooligans that they have grabbed hold of that and blown it out of all proportion."

Roger Virnuls, 57, has lived in Toulouse for 25 years and has seen a friendly relationship build up between the British and the French as more and more companies employing Britons, particularly in the aerospace business, located in the area.

As he saw business boom for his employer, Lucas Aerospace, Mr Virnuls became a pillar of the ex-pat community. Fourteen years ago he was made honorary consul and has a personal note on the wall of his consulate office from Tony Blair, thanking him for presents he gave to the Prime Minister's children during the family's summer holiday in France last year.

Mr Virnuls said more and more Britons were heading for the region because of the climate, the food and the house prices. "I have a house on an acre of land which I was able to design myself and which probably cost 50 per cent what it would in England. It's a good life."

Toulouse is France's fourth biggest city with a vibrant cultural life; the Pyrenees and the sea are within easy driving distance. An indication of the popularity of the region with Britons, Mr Virnuls said, was the well-advanced plans to build an English-speaking school.

The trouble in Marseilles and the huge security operation subsequently mounted by Toulouse has cast a shadow over this idyllic world. "Most people who have spoken to me realise that it is just a few hooligans. But there is a hard core of French people who do resent what has happened. There is a very Latin temperament here."

Sarah Jones, landlady of the London Town pub in the city, put it more bluntly. She said that, over the weekend, the atmosphere in the pub had been friendly, but she had been aware of definite French hostility towards English fans and long-term residents such as herself.

She also said that the animosity was born not of recent difficulties, but of deeper-rooted feelings. "They are very antagonistic, the French. I booted one French guy out for being racist. He started slagging me off and saying, 'That's the truble with you English, go back to your own country.' People like that wind others up."

Miss Jones, 29, who has lived in France for eight years, said that recent events had been exploited by those who could not forget ancient disagreements. "The number of times I have had that Joan of Arc stuff shoved down my throat I can't count. They are a very one-sided people and never look at the good things. At the end of the day, the French do not like the English."

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PETER NICHOLLS



Sarah Jones, landlady of the London Town in Toulouse, believes the animosity of the French is deep-rooted



Roger Virnuls, honorary consul: "It's a good life"

STRAW SEEKS NEW MEASURES AGAINST HOOLIGANS

JACK STRAW, the Home Secretary, will host a meeting after the World Cup to seek new ways to stamp out English soccer hooliganism abroad (Andrew Pierce writes). Ministers are considering a range of options to prevent known violent offenders following England abroad. "If we cannot change the legislation, we have to maximise its effectiveness," a Home Office official said yesterday. Members of the Football Intelligence Unit and the Football Association will attend the meeting. They will consider ways to toughen restriction orders and increase the police powers of arrest.

The move follows the discovery that James Shayler, 32, from Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, who was jailed for two months in Marseilles last week for his part in the disturbances, had previous convictions for violence. Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, said last week's violence was a "national disgrace". Asked on BBC television's *Breakfast with Frost* if it had hurt England's chance of hosting the 2006 World Cup, he replied: "It sure hasn't done it any good." However, he added: "Having spoken to various people in international football, they are keeping it in perspective. They judge us on the behaviour of the majority."

A city tough on grime and the causes of grime



TUESDAY: after the events in Marseilles, I have lost faith in a World Cup journey that had been so enjoyable. A friend cheers me up with an account of sitting close to Alan Shearer's wife, Lainya, at yesterday's game. When the England fans broke into their customary chant of "Shearer! Shearer!", she joined in with "Husband! Husband!".

Wednesday: like a quarter of the population of Toulouse, the waiter who brings me a dish of delicious, steaming cassoulet is a student and he knows the history of Toulouse and the English. "Your Simon de Montfort tried to take us in 1212 but we repelled him after a long siege. When Wellington came we inflicted heavy losses." Unfortunately, he adds, the city fell.

Thursday: today there is no question of fences or riot police at the Stadium Municipal in Toulouse as South Africa are playing Denmark. I buy a ticket outside the ground for a fraction above the face value and take my place among a group of jolly Danes.

The fans are better behaved than the players, three of whom are sent off. They drink deeply afterwards and shout a bit, but do nothing more serious than throw their Viking helmets in the air and pull each others' fake pigtails.

Friday: a note on royalty and the World Cup: they come lower down the pecking order than football bigwigs. A friend sat in the royal box at the Scotland-Norway game in Bordeaux. The seats were leather and magnificent and one was like a throne. But when Prince Edward's party came in he had to sit on one of the less grand chairs while the throne went to David Will, chairman of Brechin City and a Fifa official. The Prince, one must be sure, would not be bothered by such things, but he did refuse to join in a Mexican wave, for which he was roundly booed.

Saturday: the matter of most pressing concern is laundry. The local launderette is closed and there is speculation that this is the latest devilish tactic in the city's hooligan control programme, but I suspect that it is safer to be tough on grime, tough on the causes of grime. I encounter one fan heading off to the river to wash a solitary pair of filthy socks. He explains that, having had his car broken into and all his possessions taken, he has nothing else left to wash: "I have been wearing the same clothes for 15 days." A truly dedicated fan.

Sunday: the atmosphere last night and today has been friendly. As I write, Yugoslavia have just scored their second goal against Germany. Through the open hotel window comes the sound of an explosion. The whole city has erupted, united, in delight.



Lainya Shearer: sang "Husband! Husband!"

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Sinn Fein turns up the heat on SDLP



As Ulster prepares for Thursday's assembly elections, ***Martin Fletcher*** *reports on the struggle for the nationalist vote*

PAT DOHERTY and two Sinn Fein colleagues are out campaigning in Strabane, West Tyrone, like any other candidates for Northern Ireland's new assembly. They greet shoppers, shake hands and exchange pleasantries in the sun while a BBC television crew films.

But they are not the same at all. For a start there are the burly, faintly menacing minders hovering close by. There are the ubiquitous Sinn Fein hoardings bearing Orwellian slogans such as "Make Peace — Make Change". And then there are the candidates themselves — not ordinary folk with everyday jobs but committed activists who will, if elected, give their £29,000 salaries to the party.

The three SDLP candidates are a college lecturer, a teacher and an electrical contractor. Sinn Fein's trio work full-time for the cause, making any sacrifice that entails. One, Seamas Devine, served five years in the Maze for "action against occupying forces" — possession of weapons. Another, Barry McElduff, spent nine months on remand before the case against him crumbled. The third, Pat Doherty, is a 52-year-old father of five children with a deceptively diffident manner. He is Sinn Fein's vice-president and one of Gerry Adams's closest allies, whose brother terrorised London in the 1970s with the Balcombe Street gang.

Mr Doherty gives an interview in "the hut", a spartan community centre in a bleak housing estate where Irish tricolours proliferate and Sinn Fein clearly rules. He boasts of his party's discipline, dedication and application. He brags of its firmness in expelling a local Sinn Fein councillor who opposed the Stormont talks. Asked whom he supports in the World Cup, he replies with a chuckle, "Not England."

Mr Doherty's words are often barely audible, but sharp as needles, especially when talking about the SDLP. They "don't have the staying power, the commitment, the vision", he says. They sell nationalists short. They stand for nothing. They are in politics only for themselves. "If they get a bad knock, they are out of the picture."

Sinn Fein hopes to deliver that knock this week. It pursues electoral politics as ruthlessly as the IRA pursued terrorism.



McDonnell: SDLP has track record

It is highly organised, highly motivated and well financed. It has steadily built its vote over the past eight years, claims to be the island's fastest growing party, and makes no secret of its ambition to supplant the SDLP as nationalism's biggest voice. It has already gained supremacy in West Belfast and Mid-Ulster, and the battleground now is West Tyrone.

Sinn Fein is presently neck and neck with the SDLP in this beautiful rural constituency whose politics are as green as its hills. The two parties each won 14,000 votes in last year's general election, letting the Unionist candidate sneak in with barely 16,000 votes. They have almost identical numbers of local councillors, and in the 1996 elections to Northern Ireland's forum the SDLP beat Sinn Fein by 106 votes out of 23,000. Nationalists will take at least four of the constituency's six assembly seats and, if Sinn Fein managed to win three of them, or at least a clear majority of the vote, the reverberations would be considerable. Across the Province, "it would accelerate the trend towards Sinn Fein", says Mr Doherty.

South of Strabane, in the slightly smarter town of Omagh, the SDLP insists it may be the party that takes three seats. It appears to be receiving most credit for Good Friday's peace accord. The polls are encouraging, though they tend to understate Sinn Fein's support. Its three candidates, all local councillors, will benefit from the single transferable vote system, and are deploying an unexpected argument to counter Sinn Fein.

Unlike Mr Doherty, they minimise the differences between the parties. They argue that Sinn Fein finally bought into the SDLP's agenda when it accepted the peace accord, and that voters should therefore plump for the more mature and experienced party, the one most capable of making the assembly work.

Both parties are now dedicated to achieving a united Ireland through peaceful means, "but we're the ones with the proven track record", says Pat McDonnell. The only pity, adds a colleague, is that so many lives were lost before Sinn Fein's conversion.

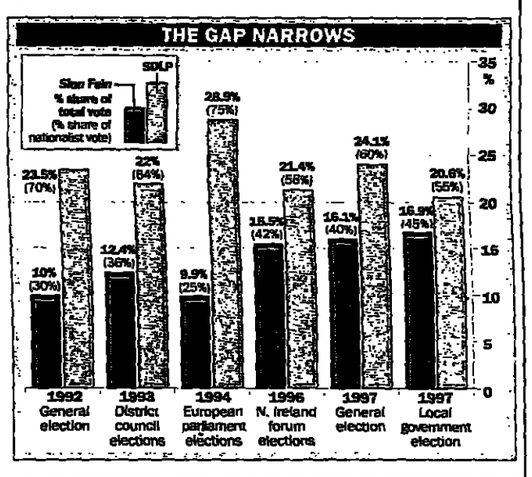
Whatever happens on Thursday, Mr Doherty insists Sinn Fein will overtake the SDLP within a few years. That would make Gerry Adams Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister, but Sinn Fein's political ambitions would not stop there. "We may even have him as First Minister," Mr Doherty said.

If that ever happened Northern Ireland would swiftly vote itself out of existence and into the Republic.



ANTHONY UPTON

Barry McElduff, at rear, Seamas Devine and Pat Doherty campaigning in Strabane at the weekend



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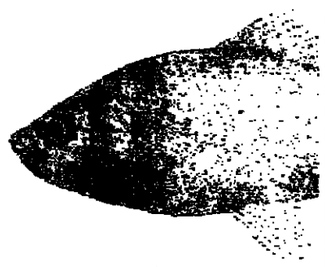
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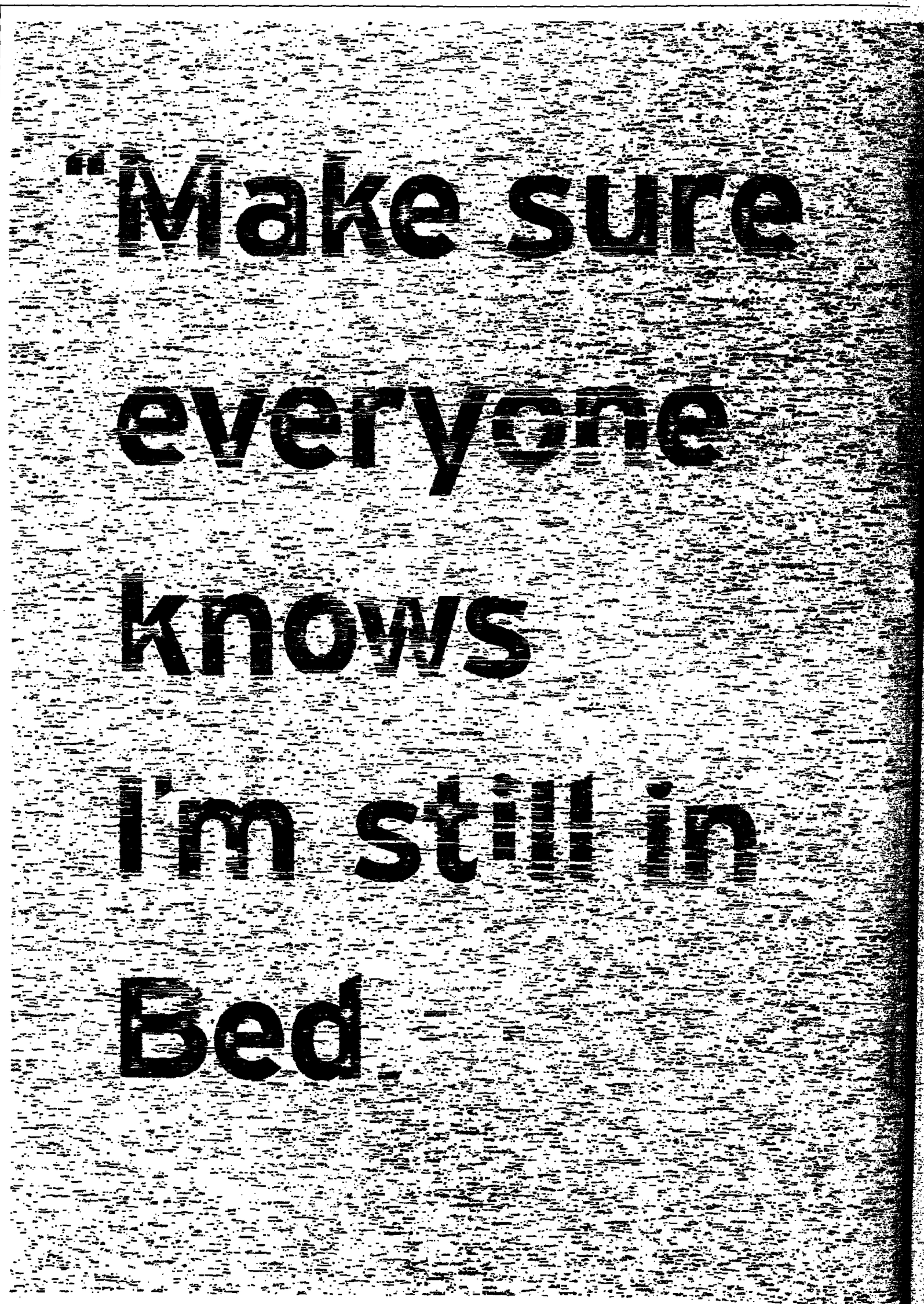
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Probation Service to play a tougher role

Richard Ford reports on plans for a national agency with greater emphasis on protecting the public

A NATIONAL probation service is being considered by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to deal more toughly with offenders serving their sentences in the community, and to protect the public.

The agency would be named the National Public Protection Service. Mr Straw believes the word probation, first used officially 90 years ago, gives the wrong impression of the service's work with criminals and young offenders.

The Home Office believes that changes are needed if the public is to be convinced that community penalties are credible alternatives to imprisonment.

The agency's chief executive would be expected to provide stronger central direction to end the uneven performance of the 54 regional probation services, which employ about 15,000 staff.

Alternative proposals being prepared for a government paper to be published this summer include cutting the number of probation services to 43, with boundaries matching the police forces of England and Wales. The Crown Prosecution Service is being reorganised in the same way.

Mr Straw believes that getting as many justice agencies as possible to have the same boundaries would cut delays and sharpen the drive to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour on the streets.

Sir David Ramsbotham, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, has given his support to a nationally run probation service. "It is time that the probation service was made a national service and came under national jurisdiction like the Prison Service," he has said.

He told MPs: "This is because there is tremendous unevenness in what is done in different probation areas around the country.

"That is not to blame the individual probation officers so much. If we are going to stiffen up on what is done as a community sentence — and it *is* a community sentence, not a period of time doing nothing — then it ought to be dictated rather more and structured rather more."

Sir David, who supports merging the prison and probation services, said that before such a step could be taken, the probation service had to be nationally run.



Sir David: critical of regional standards

But a review of the two services has ruled out a merger. One idea being canvassed for the longer term is to develop services based on the existing regions in England and Wales.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Associaton of Probation Officers, said yesterday: "This is a golden opportunity for the Government to get the structure of the service settled for the future so we can concentrate on dealing with offenders."

He said that a national agency had clear advantages for probation as it would give the service an important figurehead to insist on overall standards and to bargain for resources.

Staff had been unsettled by talk of change and it was important for the Government to outline its thinking for the future speedily in order to end the uncertainty, he added.

CLAIRE LIM



A Buddhist monk working on the Dhama-Thalaka Peace Pagoda, which opens on Saturday in Birmingham

NHS under fire for neglecting disabled

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

THE NHS is failing people with learning disabilities, according to a report from the charity Mencap.

The report, to be published today, said hospital staff had a poor understanding of learning disabilities and often failed to provide necessary care. It found that only 8 per cent of women with learning difficulties had had cervical smear tests, compared to 85 per cent of other women.

Only 50 per cent of women aged over 50 with learning difficulties had had a breast examination, compared with 76 per cent of other women, and only 27 per cent of all adult patients with learning difficulties were given a thorough examination each year, the report found.

Even though the majority of those with learning difficulties have poor eyesight, only 47 per cent had been given an eye test over the past year.

The report was based on 3,300 questionnaires completed by people with learning disabilities and their carers, as well as the findings of focus groups of medical specialists and a survey of medical professionals across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Fertility treatment 'is only for the rich'

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

FERTILITY treatment threatens to become the preserve of the wealthy unless the current squeeze on NHS resources is reversed, a study says today.

The report for the National Infertility Awareness Campaign found that fertility treatment depended largely on where couples lived and that, in some areas, it was almost non-existent. Lack of government guidance, the low level of funding and the long waiting time for patients were adding to the stress and frustration of professionals in the field. "Unless these issues are addressed, we will find outselves with an acute recruitment shortfall," said Peter Braude, director of subfertility services at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital Trust in London, who wrote the report with William Ledger, IVF clinical director at the Nuffield Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Oxford.

The report is based on interviews with 1,288 men and women patients and 157 doctors specialising infertility treatments. It found that one in six couples seeks medical help in order to achieve a pregnancy, and most have to fund their own treatment.

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Genetic engineering firm wants test sites kept secret



Des D'Souza of AgrEvo: appeal to government

Attacks by protesters are increasing, writes **Michael Hornsby**

THE Government has been asked to stop disclosing the locations of test sites of genetically engineered crops to prevent attacks by a new breed of "eco-terrorist".

Companies developing the controversial crops are worried by the growing number of guerrilla-style attacks aimed at preventing the plants being grown commercially in Britain. The first such crop, an engineered variety of oilseed rape, is close to receiving official approval, and farmers could be free to plant it as soon as next spring. It has been made resistant to herbicide, so that farmers can spray weeds in the crop without damaging it.

Over the past two months militant opponents of the new technology have damaged plants at a score of sites in England and Scotland. AgrEvo, a German biotechnology company with a base at East Winch, near King's Lynn, in Norfolk, has 40 trial plots around Britain growing genetically modified oilseed rape, sugar beet, maize and potatoes.

"During the past few months five of the 40 sites have been attacked, and we fear that many more will be damaged," Des D'Souza, a company product manager, said. "The protesters are destroying valuable scientific data which would help to answer many of the questions they themselves properly raise.

"The tests have been conducted with complete openness up to now, but we are discussing with the Government why the public needs to know the exact location of trial sites."

Activists can easily locate the experimental sites because the Department of the Environment is required by European law to keep a public register of crop test sites and makes the information available on the Internet. There are 64 licensed trials of genetically modified crops in progress at more than 330 sites, mainly involving oilseed rape and sugar beet, but also new varieties of wheat, maize, barley, potatoes and chicory.

Opponents of the new technology, such as AgrEvo's modified rape, say not enough is yet known about its long-term effects, claiming that the herbicide-resistant gene, transferred to oilseed rape from a soil bacterium, could "escape" into other crops, creating uncontrollable superweeds.

☐ Genetic engineering makes it possible to identify and transfer single genes between widely different species, for example from animals to plants. The Scottish Crop Research Institute near Dundee is carrying out field trials of strawberries implanted with a gene taken from the North Atlantic cod.

The gene stops the fish's blood from freezing at extreme sub-zero temperatures and it is believed it could give the strawberries built-in protection against frost, one of the biggest causes of damage to soft fruit.

Ronnie McNicol, head of the institute's soft fruits and perennial crops department, said that the risks could only be investigated by proper study. "If we find there is a problem, we will stop," he said.

The Vegetarian Society said yesterday that any fruit containing animal genes should be clearly labelled. "The Vegetarian Society does not have an anti-genetics policy," Tina Fox, a spokeswoman, said. "What we are concerned about is the use of animal genes. Vegetarians clearly do not want to eat strawberries with fish genes in them."

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Farmer spared being left in the mire

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A DAIRY farmer was celebrating a legal victory yesterday after being taken to court for allowing his cows to do what comes naturally.

Every day Brian Hibbert, 56, drives his 60-strong herd across the A640 separating their pasture from the milking parlour at Wellfield Farm near Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. But he found himself in court when a retired policeman on a motorcycle was slightly injured after skidding on a cow pat.

The rider reported the incident to the police and Mr Hibbert became embroiled in a nine-month legal battle which is estimated to have cost the taxpayer more than £3,000. Last week he was cleared of any offence by Huddersfield magistrates.

"At least common sense has prevailed at the end of the day," said Mr Hibbert, the third generation of his family to run the farm. "I have always taken the cows up the road for milking, as farmers do everywhere. The cows are bound to leave some pats behind, which stick in a dry spell for a day or two and then wash away in rain."

Mr Hibbert was charged with depositing slurry on the public highway contrary to higways regulations. But the charge was dismissed after magistrates accepted that the cows, rather than Mr Hibbert, had been the culprits.

John Bodnar, the solicitor representing Mr Hibbert, said the case should never have come to court. "If this prosecution had succeeded, it would have affected every farmer in the country, and even horse riders. That would include mounted police, who would have to carry a shovel and bucket around with them."

Chief Inspector Gary Hammerton defended the decision to prosecute. "The motorcyclist suffered injuries in this accident and we carried out a thorough investigation", he said. "If oil had been spilled or a load from a vehicle, people would expect us to take action. In this case it was cow muck in the road and the farmer was prosecuted."

Fishponds plan that turned into a quarry

Villagers say they and council were hoodwinked, reports **Nick Nuttall**

THE development of five fishponds seemed a natural extension to Max and David Bird's caravan and angling leisure business. But the site, which required excavation to about 12ft, just happened to contain prime sand and gravel deposits.

Almost overnight, the 1,600 villagers of Harvington, Worcesteshire, found themselves living next to a quarry. The first of what could be up to 600,000 tonnes of material have begun to be excavated, cleaned and trucked out for the roadbuilding and construction industries.

Sheila Hart, who lives in the village and who is helping to spearhead the campaign against the development, said yesterday: "The application was for fishponds. But what we have got is a quarry through the back door, complete with weighbridge, piles of gravel and scores of lorries.

"You would have thought that the district council might have showed more curiosity about a plan costed at £2.5 million yet able to achieve only £14,000 a year from fishing," she said.

Clive Holt, a county councillor, said yesterday: "The villagers and the district council have been hoodwinked and understandably the people of Harvington do not want a sand and gravel quarry for ten years." He said the county council had areas where sand and gravel extraction was approved, but that the Harvington site, which was on prime agricultural land, was not one of them. "This gives the green light to every landowner in the county, if not in the country, to open up quarries on the pretext of digging fishponds."

The county council's planning committee will consider an application for a permanent processing plant at the site later this month. Cotswold Stone Quarries has been using a mobile processing plant to wash and screen the sand and gravel. Meanwhile, the county council has issued an enforcement notice because there is no planning permission.

Mrs Hart said that despite the notice, quarrying and processing were still going on. "They are just cocking a snook at everybody," she said.

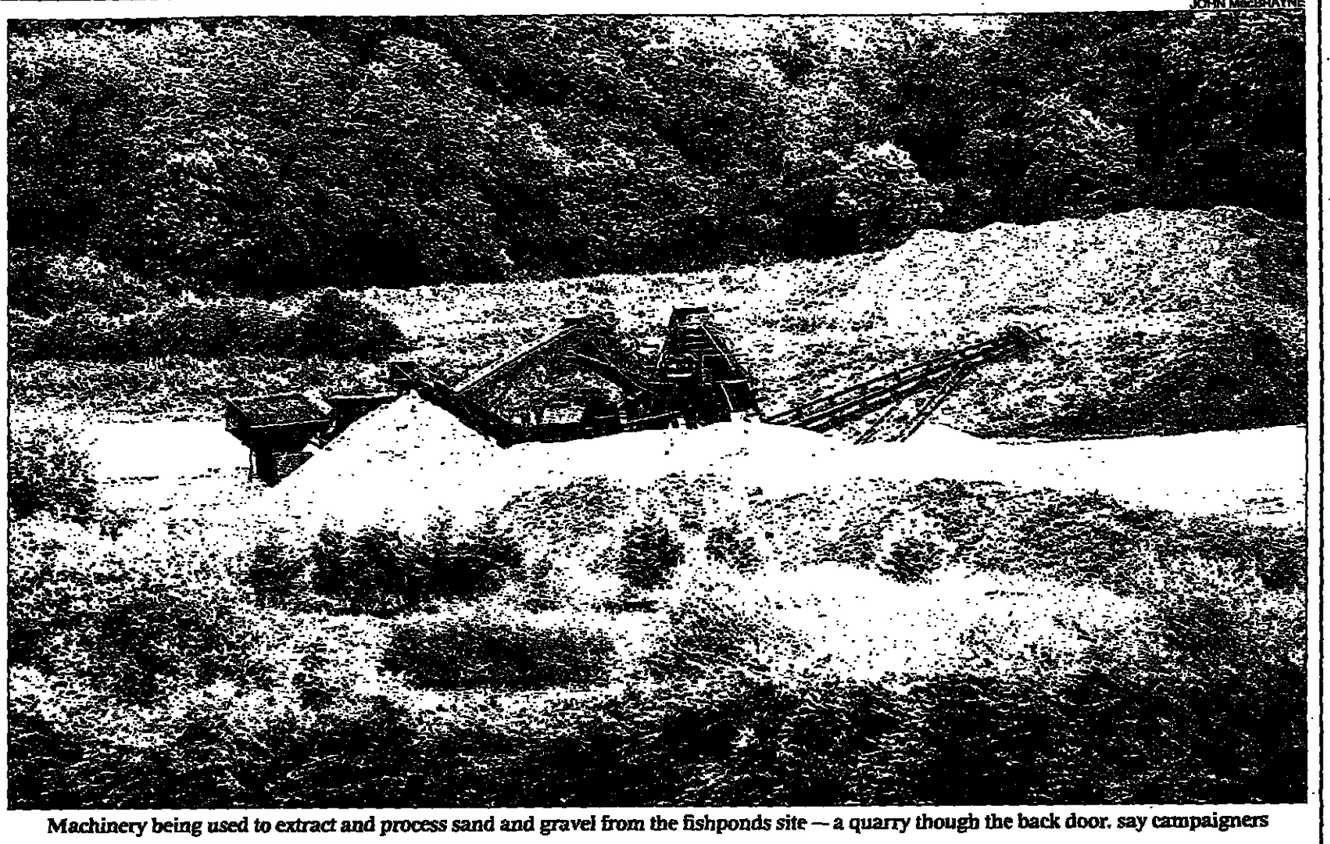
A spokeswoman for the Quarry Products Association, which represents most of the big quarry companies in Britain, said that Cotswold was not a member. She added: "If someone is not abiding by the rules, then they should be exposed."

Max and David Bird, who run Manor Farm Leisure, declined to comment yesterday. A spokeswoman said: "Things get twisted round." A spokesman for the quarrying company which struck the deal with the Birds to extract the sand and gravel was unavailable for comment.

The campaigners have written to Richard Caborn, the Planning Minister, asking him to overturn Wychavon District Council's original approval last year for fishponds. But they admit they are not hopeful. In addition, officers at the county council expect the application for a permanent processing plant to be approved.

One insider said: "Planning permission for the fishponds has been granted, so there is now nothing that can be done. The material has to be removed. If the sand and gravel can be processed, that will make a better use of the spoil. It means they can get shot of it quicker, so, in our professional view, the processing plant should be allowed."

JOHN MacBRAYNE



Machinery being used to extract and process sand and gravel from the fishponds site — a quarry though the back door, say campaigners



Councillor Clive Holt with Mari Thomas, one of the residents campaigning against the development

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Stonehenge Druids go back for a short spell

Simon de Bruxelles mingles with pagan worshippers undeterred by a solstice dawn without the sun


DES JENSON

A Druid at yesterday's midsummer ceremonies — the first allowed at Stonehenge since 1988. They included rituals by white witches

PAGAN rituals were celebrated at Stonehenge yesterday for the first time in a decade, but the guest of honour — the sun — put in only a brief and belated appearance.

One hundred guests, including Druids, white witches and others who preferred not to discuss their business gathered beneath the ancient stones to await sunrise on the longest day of the year. At 4.48am, when the first rays of midsummer sun should have been breaking over the heelstone to illuminate the worshippers in the inner circle, a group of Druids held hands and chanted while others banged gongs and blew horns or conducted private ceremonies.

Wiltshire police and English Heritage had agreed to a partial lifting of a ban on midsummer gatherings at the prehistoric site, imposed after a series of annual confrontations culminated in a riot in 1988. Worshippers had to be bussed through a cordon of police. Then, in silent and informal procession, they walked through a ring of private security guards to enter the inner circle of the temple.

Among them were the representatives of five orders of Druids, most dressed in white and carrying ceremonial sickles and heavy staves. One Druid held aloft an impressive pair of deer antlers on a pole. A member of another order was asked: "What do they represent?" Came the reply: "A good bargain in a junk shop." Like other religions, Druids have their rivalries.

About 40 of them were happy to let Rollo Maughfling, the self-styled Archdruid of Stonehenge and Britain, conduct an improvised ceremony in which he led prayers for peace in Northern Ireland and praised English Heritage.

Others appeared to find his booming voice as distracting as a police helicopter clattering overhead. Members of the British Druid Order took shelter behind some of the larger stones while Mr Maughfling, in crimson velvet cape and straw hat, performed a wedding ceremony by tying the couple's hands with red wool.

Philip Shallcrass, who founded the British order in 1979, preferred silent contemplation to Mr Maughfling's circle of chanters and gong-beaters. He said: "That man claims to represent British Druids, but 90 per cent of them want nothing to do with him."

Elsewhere, white witches looked wary as exponents of blacker arts waited to ambush them with notebooks, tape recorders and television cameras. Kevin Carlyon, high priest of Britain's white witches, waved his wand at the more impressive stones and muttered under his breath. Dressed in a red dressing-gown and with a blond pony-tail, he could have been mistaken for a television wrestler.

Dylan ap Thuin, a body-piercer from Portsmouth, summoned up the "creatures of the north, south, east and west" by shaking his elaborately carved stick in their direction. He had become archdruid of his own Insular Order of Druids by a proclamation at the heelstone five years ago. He said: "I am aware of 23 orders of Druids and there may be more."

Amid the robes and fancy dress, John Ruse, of the Temple of the Children of Lilith, stood out. Dressed in an Italian suit and yellow polka-dot tie, only the occult symbols tattooed on the shaven sides of his head showed that he had not caught the wrong bus.

"We are not really into all this arm-waving," said Mr Ruse, from Essex. "We are more interested in the darker side. More important to us would be the winter solstice, but this will do."

As Lilith was a blood-sucking female demon from Jewish and Babylonian mythology, whose followers are sometimes classed as vampires, it was perhaps a good thing he had decided not to participate.

Clews Everard, director of Stonehenge for English Heritage, said the experiment had been a phenomenal success but was not surprised the sun failed to show. "It never does at this time of year. The lie of the land means you get mist gathering, so sunrise is nearly always obscured. When Stonehenge was built, the climate may have been different."

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Oldest religion in Britain was reinvented in the 1960s

Druidism mixes Celtic tradition with New Age spirituality, writes **Ruth Gledhill**

ALTHOUGH pagan practices predate Christianity in Britain by thousands of years, the current popularity of druidism can be traced to the "alternative" spiritualities that surfaced in the 1960s.

There are an estimated 100,000 practising pagans in Britain, about a quarter of whom are Druids. The other three quarters could be classed as witches, Odinists and shamanists.

According to the Pagan Federation, druid orders draw their inspiration from Celtic traditions and druids lay particular emphasis on poetry, healing, divination and ancient mythology. Some druid orders, however, are not pagan, but are artistic or even Christian.

The Council of British Druid Orders was formed in 1988 after the problems at Stonehenge. Member organisations include the British Druid Order, which is pagan and goddess-oriented, the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids, which has pagan and Christian members, the Glastonbury Order of Druids and the London Druid group, which has links with magic.

The central belief was a love of nature, one member said. "Druidry has no book of law, the only lessons being those learnt from nature. There are no gurus and hierarchy is kept to a working minimum."

Druids were originally the spiritual leaders of the ancient tribes of Britain and Europe. Druid teachings remained alive in parts of Wales, Scotland and Ireland throughout the Christian era, but, in the 18th century, a druid revival began, inspired by classical and medieval literature. The "alternative" spiritualities and New Age movements, with their roots in the 1960s, led to another revival.

There are 35 druid groups in Britain and about 300 more worldwide, but no membership record is kept because of the desire to avoid hierarchical and organisational structures. Druid practices involve the "honouring" of spiritual and blood ancestors, such as the ancient Celtic deities Nemetona and Ceridwen, as well as of ancient Druids and priests. There are three areas of druidic practice: "bard" or poet, "ovate" or prophet and "druid" or celebrant.

Druids meet at camps, talks, workshops and on sacred walks. They enjoy sweat lodges, howling under the full moon, singing on high-hilltop days, wading through sacred waters of life, forest gatherings, fire-dancing, spirit-weaving, soul-healing, eisteddfods and "re-creation" sessions. There are also naming and blessing ceremonies for children, druid weddings and rituals marking puberty and death.

According to Emma Restall Orr, a joint chief of the British Druid Order, who is described as a writer, teacher and soul counsellor, druidic philosophy is pivoted on "the awen, the flowing spirit that is the lifeforce in motion, that is being in perfect presence, that is the touch of the gods, divine inspiration".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Old ones are still the best

Long-time favourites were among those honoured last night at the 1998 Comic Heritage Comedy Awards for their achievements in television, film, radio and theatre.

The Eric Morecambe Award for contributions to British comedy went to Eric Sykes. Tom O'Connor, June Whitfield and Bobby Davro collected the awards for the best television, radio and comedy personality respectively. *Last of the Summer Wine* was adjudged the best television comedy show; Sir John Mills was given the lifetime achievement award at the ceremony in London.

Angler drowns

A 72-year-old holidaymaker drowned after falling into a river while fishing on the Norfolk Broads. His body was found at Thorpe, near Norwich, when his family returned from an hour's shopping trip.

Diver missing

A search was called off for Robert Forster, 62, of Corby, Northamptonshire, who vanished on Saturday while diving near a wreck off Cromer, Norfolk, with two other men. Coastguards said there was no hope of finding him alive.

Driveway death

A boy of four died after being run over by a four-wheel-drive vehicle driven by his father, Ken Eairlie was reversing at his home in Kirkcaldy, Fife, when his son, Jack, is thought to have ridden behind on his bicycle.

Work bullies

Men are more likely than women to be bullied at work, according to a consultancy that advises on the problem. A survey found that 80 per cent of companies had bullies and half of workers said they had been victims.

Doing porridge

Police custody sergeants are learning how to make microwave breakfasts and suppers for suspects when the canteen is shut. The training at Hendon Police College, northwest London, includes meals for vegans and Muslims.

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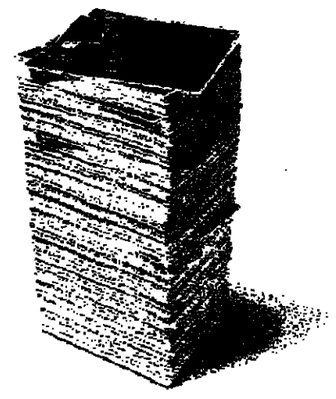
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World awaits action as Tokyo promises swift boost for economy

Japanese elections could delay reforms, **Robert Whymant** reports from Tokyo

AFTER making sweeping promises to the world to cure its financial woes, Japan now faces the daunting task of translating words into deeds.

But action may be delayed by a policy vacuum as politicians prepare for an Upper House election on July 12. The turmoil in the rest of Asia — and the risk to world economic stability stemming from Japan's recession — are not pressing issues in the constituencies.

A meeting of financial officials from the Group of Seven (G7) leading industrial nations and Asia in Tokyo at the weekend cornered the Japanese into pledging "swift and forceful" action to revive their moribund economy and clean up their troubled financial system. Japan is in the grip of a deepening slump, worsened by anxieties about the frail health of the nation's banks, saddled with billions of dollars of bad loans.

A statement by the G7 and 11 Asian nations squarely placed the onus on Japan to relieve the plight of Asia and avert global recession: "It is of vital importance to Japan, to the recovery of Asia, particularly those countries affected by financial market turbulence, and to the entire world economy, that Japan restore its banking system to health, achieve domestic demand-led growth, [and] open and deregulate its markets."

The emergency meeting was convened after the recent plunge of the yen — a reflection of Japan's economic weakness — sent Asian markets tumbling. The yen's slide raised fears that Asian countries, notably China, which depend heavily on Japan for investment and to buy their products, might be forced into another round of competitive devaluations, repeating last year's disastrous free fall in the region's currencies.

As nervousness about Asia spilled over into Wall Street, the United States last week joined Japan in a surprise intervention to support the yen in foreign exchange markets. But the Clinton Administration made it clear that the joint yen rescue mission — the first in more than six years — could only do so much, and that the currency could weaken further without swift action from Japan.

Lawrence Summers, the US Deputy Treasury Secretary, said after the weekend meeting that Japan now had a new "window of opportunity". He urged its leaders to take steps to boost the economy before the effect of the joint intervention faded.

This was a clear warning that Japan has been given a temporary reprieve to put its house in order, but may be left to the mercies of the markets if it fails to live up to its pledges to the international community.

While pressure has intensified for Japan to clean up the banking sector and revive the economy, there is as yet no timetable for carrying out reforms. Britain's delegate, Sir Nigel Wicks, Second Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, said he told the meeting that to regain market confidence, Japan should set a timetable and stick to it.

"We [Britain] said if you had such a timetable, timeframe and the action followed that, you would begin to get the confidence; the credibility of the markets," he said. But if Japan is serious about taking action it will have to wait until after the election. Japanese leaders are wary about spelling out to the nation the implications of the pledges they have given.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party is considering a plan to help to rid banks of problem loans, but officials refuse to discuss the huge cost in taxpayers' money to fund the scheme.

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Shanghai nurses hangover on eve of Clinton visit



AP

A magazine cover showing Presidents Jiang Zemin and Clinton dominates a newsstand in Beijing as China awaits the US leader's arrival

The first visit by a US leader since the Tiananmen Square killings comes at a sober time for China, writes James Pringle

PRESIDENT Clinton is due to spend two days in this Chinese "showcase" city next week at a time some of the bloom has gone off Shanghai's manic boom because of East Asia's financial crisis and China's economic problems.

Many of Shanghai's cranes, said last year to be 17 per cent of the total in the world, are standing idle above abandoned high-rise construction sites, and the pounding of jackhammers has lowered several decibel tones from a year ago.

Tens of thousands of Chinese labourers who came from the impoverished interior to work on the sites have packed their meagre belongings and gone home, their dreams of prosperity shattered.

In the hi-tech Pudong district, an area of former rice paddies across the grey, polluted Huangpu River from the Bund — the embankment where the British set up their granite banks and trading houses a century ago — 50 per cent of office accommodation is empty by official count in a project costing £15 billion.

It is here that Mr Clinton, who arrives on Thursday as the first American President to visit China since the 1989 Tiananmen Square killings, will tour the new Shanghai Stock Exchange.

However he will not see a new state-of-the-art General Motors car plant after criticisms that the state visit is all about Sino-American business, and that human rights will be taking a backseat.

Some of the hubris of local officials, who like to project Shanghai — population 13.5 million — as a future financial centre of the Asia-Pacific region and a 21st century city comparable with Seattle or Singapore, has evaporated. "We're like poor parents who made their kids' clothes a few sizes too big," Xu Kuangdi, Shanghai's Mayor, said.

No one is saying that Shanghai, the former Paris of the East and one-time centre of radical Maoism, renowned for the business acumen of its citizens, will not attain its goals. But as foreign investment shrinks, it is likely to be later rather than sooner.

In time, Mr Xu expects the city to grow into its clothes and that the skyscrapers, soon to include the world's tallest building, will fill up. Just how long this takes, however, depends on how well Beijing manages the reform of moribund state-run enterprises and deeply indebted banks, reduces unemployment running in the millions and solves its currency problems.

Yet the posters here proclaim that "development is the irrefutable imperative" and there are lots of young business people making deals on mobile phones at new restaurants such as Park 97.

"There is some reduction in expectations," one foreign analyst said, "but investment is still coming in and Shanghai will be the last place to feel the negative effects of the downturn."

Shanghai police, who have gained a reputation for heavy-handedness — last month they were secretly shown on Canadian television beating prisoners inside a cell — are doing their best to make sure that Mr Clinton will not hear political views unfavourable to the authorities. He has expressed a wish to meet a cross-section of Chinese. Police have been raiding restaurants and bars where foreigners congregate, checking identity papers.

Shanghai residents say that when Vice-President Al Gore was here in March last year, and wanted to speak to "ordinary Chinese" on the Bund, police cleared part of the walkway along the Huangpu River an hour before Mr Gore appeared and brought out Communist Party cadres and their families.

"If they did that for Gore, you can be sure they will do it for Clinton," one resident said.

What are back on show, however, are the two lion statues that once stood outside a British bank but were removed to the Historical Museum here decades ago. They were put back in place on the Bund last week.

Sights set on better rights

Washington: President Clinton says he will press ahead on human rights in his meetings with Chinese leaders "with one goal in mind: making a difference" (Brouwen Maddox writes). In a *Newsweek* article, the President writes: "In isolating China, we would only encourage China to turn inward."

Beijing accused of silencing pro-democracy campaigners

BY JAMES PRINGLE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BEIJING has banned pro-democracy dissidents from three of the five cities on President Clinton's nine-day itinerary, a Hong Kong human rights group said.

The Information Centre of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China said that Mou Chuanheng, a political activist from the port of Qingdao in Shandong province, had travelled to Beijing two weeks ago to visit a friend, but was detained by police and sent home.

Mr Mou, who took part in the democracy wall movement of the 1970s, eventually crushed by Deng Xiaoping, the late economic reformer, said police told him they had received instructions that because of Mr Clinton's visit, "sensitive people" like him could not visit Beijing, Shanghai or the ancient Silk Road terminus of Xian. Mr Mou was taken by police from his hotel in Beijing, held for a day, then escorted to Qingdao.

A Ministry of Public Security spokeswoman has denied that police had issued warnings to dissidents or had banned them from the three cities.

Ding Xilin and her husband, parents of Jiang Jielian, a student killed in the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, have written to Mr Clinton urging him to take the Chinese leaders to task on human rights. The couple called on Mr Clinton to press for the unconditional release of thousands of political prisoners.

On Saturday, about 70 Chinese dissidents describing themselves as the "voice of China's opposition" also urged Mr Clinton to meet Mr Jiang's parents.

James Sasser, the American Ambassador to Beijing, has cited the release of political dissidents — Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan — and their exile in America as evidence of a new political tolerance in Beijing.

Last night Mr Wang's mother announced that Beijing had granted her and her husband a passport to travel to the United States to visit their son, just days before a US-China summit.

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'Blood money' exacts high price

Taxman may send huge bill to dead nurse's brother, writes Roger Maynard

THE brother of Yvonne Gilford, the Australian nurse murdered in Saudi Arabia, faces a huge tax bill for the "blood money" he was paid to spare the life of Deborah Parry, her alleged British killer, it emerged yesterday.

Frank Gilford, who accepted A$1.7 million (about £600,000) in return for waiving his right to demand the death penalty, will have to pay nearly A$340,000 in tax, according to legal advice he has received. Having donated A$1 million to the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital for a daycare surgery in memory of his murdered sister, Mr Gilford could actually end up in debt.

The tax due is on the A$700,000 remaining, most of which is expected to be swallowed up in legal fees. Under Australian law, capital gains tax of 48.5 per cent applies when somebody receives a payment for the disposal of "personal rights".

Because he negotiated the "blood money" settlement by disposing of an asset — effectively his "rights" under Saudi law — Mr Gilford may be liable for tax.

The tax bill was labelled outrageous by Michaël Abbott, who represented Mr Gilford in his negotiations over the deal.

"Frank has done something very few people would do — given away a million dollars," he said.

Mr Gilford, who is recovering from surgery, was not available for comment. But his wife Laurel confirmed that lawyers had spoken to them about their tax situation.

He has been accused of seeking personal gain from his sister's death through the blood money settlement. He planned to keep $A50,000 to cover his expenses.

Australia's National Tax and Accountants' Association yesterday divulged details of legal advice given to the couple by a taxation lawyer.

The legal expert said: "Arguably, the asset that has been created by the operation of the Saudi criminal system is the right of Frank Gilford to exercise his discretion and either have the women executed or have them spend life in prison. Normally, if Mr Gilford exercised his right or decision-making ability under this system, it would not represent a capital-gains-tax concern where no payment was involved in the transaction. The taxpayer would argue that he is disposing of a personal right, which is akin to the right of speech.

"However, the fact that Mr Gilford introduced the services of a solicitor to negotiate the quantum of the payment, and the fact that he received substantial payment, creates a capital gains problem."

Ray Regan, president of the association, said it would be the last straw if Mr Gilford had to pay tax. "What kind of taxation regime do we live under that requires a taxpayer to pay nearly half a payment received for the death of his sister? Surely this shows a tax system that sets its sights on soft targets."

☐ **Compensation call:** A British parliamentary delegation said help should be given to thousands of child migrants abused after being sent to Australia. The seven-member committee is in Sydney to hear evidence from some of the 10,000 people estimated to have been shipped to Australia as children after the Second World War. *(AFP)*

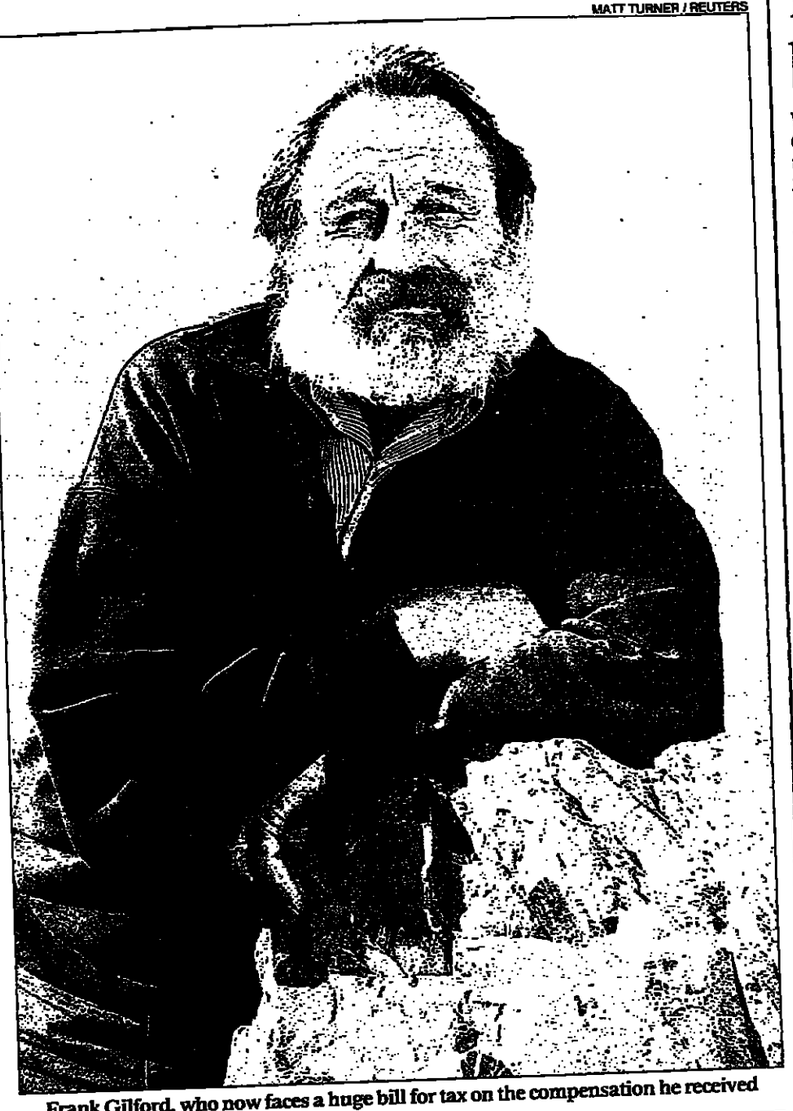


Yvonne Gilford: "blood money" paid for death



Deborah Parry: life was spared after payment

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Frank Gilford, who now faces a huge bill for tax on the compensation he received

WORLD IN BRIEF

Inquiry on Saudi blast collapses

Washington: The United States may never know who carried out the 1996 bombing that killed 19 American airmen in Saudi Arabia, after the disintegration of its two-year investigation, officials say (Bronwen Maddox writes).

The FBI has withdrawn the dozens of agents combing the Dhahran apartment block shattered by a lorry bomb. Without Saudi co-operation, the FBI has reached a dead end, US officials told *The New York Times*. Last year a Saudi dissident, who had hinted that he was involved in the attack, reneged on a proposed plea-bargain. He now denies all knowledge of the bombing, though he will now be deported to Saudi Arabia, where he is expected to be beheaded.

British envoy leads walkout

Jessica Pearce, the British Ambassador to Belarus, will leave Minsk today at the head of a mass protest by Western envoys after they were locked out of the complex where they have their residences (Michael Binyon writes). All 15 European Union envoys will be withdrawn from Minsk indefinitely, and the US Ambassador is likely to follow.

Ousted minister's new role

Tehran: Abdollah Nouri, the reformist Iranian Interior Minister, removed yesterday after a censure vote in parliament, was named by President Khatami as Vice-President in charge of development and social affairs. The appointment does not require the approval of parliament, which ousted Hojatoleslam Nouri by 137 votes to 117. *(AFP)*

Beirut US Embassy attack

Beirut: Rocket-propelled grenades were fired in the direction of the American Embassy in Beirut. A Lebanese security source said they landed within yards of the building but caused no damage to the compound, which is heavily protected on a hilltop on the edge of the capital. The Lebanese authorities ordered an investigation. *(Reuters)*

Teacher kills coma wife

Milan: An engineering teacher, distraught about his comatose wife, pulled a pistol on a doctor then disconnected her respirator plug, surrendering only when he was assured she was dead. After the man, 49, was taken into custody, police discovered that the gun was not loaded. The wife, 46, also a teacher, was in a coma after brain surgery. *(AP)*

Virus prompts camps ban

Taipei: Taiwan's health authorities ordered children's summer camps and festivals to be scrapped immediately as the death toll from a baby-killer virus reached 50. Parents were asked not to bring children aged under 12 to swimming pools, where children were susceptible to the potentially fatal intestinal virus. *(AFP)*

Kashmir militants killed

Srinagar: Five renegade Muslim militants were killed in Kashmir when their vehicle was blasted by a land mine set off by separatist guerrillas at a village north of here. Five other militants and an Indian soldier were killed in the nearby district of Safapora in a gunfight with rival militants, a police official reported. *(AFP)*

Art campaigner tries to halt cleaning of Michelangelo statue

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ART experts will today demand an "immediate halt" to restoration work on a priceless Michelangelo statue, which they say is in danger of being damaged by unnecessary cleaning.

ArtWatch International, which is run by James Beck, Professor of Art History at Columbia University in New York, said the 16th-century masterpiece, *Victory*, which is kept in the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence, was at serious risk. In an open letter to Mario Primicerio, the Mayor of Florence, which was made available to *The Times* yesterday, Professor Beck calls for an "open public debate" by experts on Michelangelo and the Renaissance to determine whether the restoration is necessary and, if so, which cleaning materials and techniques should be used.

The cleaning of great works of art is the target of growing criticism. Last week the Greek Government called for an independent inquiry into "severe damage" caused by "misguided cleaning" over the years of the 2,500-year-old Elgin Marbles in the British Museum. George Papandreou, the Deputy Foreign Minister, said after inspecting the marbles in London that "history has been lost" because they were scraped with metal tools in the 1930s.

Dyfri Williams, Keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the museum, said around 10 per cent of the patina had been removed, rather than the 80 to 90 per cent that had been claimed.

Professor Beck said he was disturbed that a number of works kept in the Salone del Cinquecento in the Palazzo Vecchio, Florence's 14th-century town hall, had been "brought to a dazzling degree of whiteness" by local restorers — some of them students — and that Michelangelo's masterpiece was now "shrouded in scaffolding ready for the same treatment".

Victory was sculpted around 1530, and is thought to have been intended for the great tomb of Pope Julius II, which Michelangelo began in 1505 but did not complete until 1545. The statue was part of Michelangelo's estate when he died in 1564, and was placed in the Palazzo Vecchio the following year. Professor Beck said that the work "has therefore been indoors in the same place for 500 years, where it has aged gracefully, accruing its patina".

He said that ArtWatch International wanted an "open debate" on the restoration, including disclosure of whether the restorers were using "scalpels, sand-blasters, lasers or chemicals". Florence officials insisted that the restoration of works of art in the city was "in good hands".

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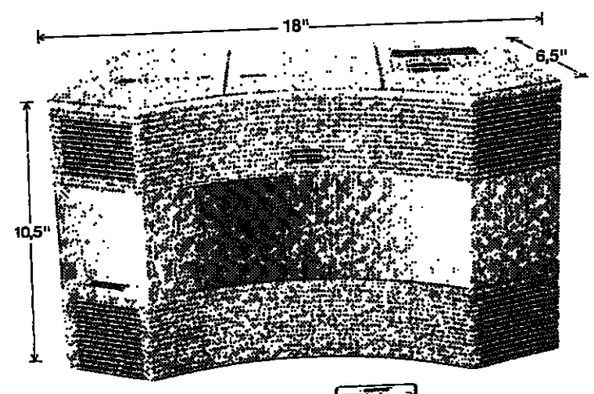
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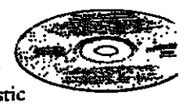
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Freed Nigerians see Abiola as last hope

FROM SAM KILEY IN LAGOS

THE fate of Nigeria rests on the shoulders of two men. One, Chief Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner of annulled elections, has not been seen for a year. The other, his jailer, General Abdulsalam Abubakar, the junta leader of a country which opposition figures and many army officers privately believe is on the verge of disintegration.

No one beyond the national leadership knows where Chief Abiola is. Jailed in October 1994, his last outside visitor was a doctor allowed to see the ailing billionaire more than a year ago. Jailed by the army after he declared himself winner of the 1993 election, Chief Abiola, who suffers a heart condition and high blood pressure, was seen in a villa in Abuja, the capital. But the experiences of nine recently released political prisoners paint a frightening picture of how junta opponents are treated when not on display to visitors.

Dr Beko Ransome-Kuti, 57, was released from almost three years in solitary confine-



Abiola: unseen for more than a year

ment last week. A member of a talented family which included the late Fela Kuti, the star of afrobeat and himself a scourge of Nigeria's many military dictatorships, he had suffered isolation, poor food, and medical treatment by prison doctors who used their own salaries to buy his drugs.

"We were kept in worse conditions than any common criminal. They can have visitors. I didn't get a visit for the first five months after I was detained, and then only one a month," said Dr Ransome-Kuti, jailed in July 1995 for participating in an alleged coup plot.

His cell, in Kaduna in the Muslim north, was furnished only with a mattress. He received no newspapers or any other literature until he persuaded his jailers to allow him access to the Koran (he is a Christian). Later he was allowed books which had been screened. Exercise was banned for the first year, then restricted to an hour a day.

His release, along with General Olusegun Obasanjo, a former President also convicted of coup plotting and sentenced to 15 years by a military court, has given rise to some hope that General Abubakar may start freeing the hundreds of other political prisoners.

However, Dr Ransome-Kuti said: "Every time we get a military dictatorship we think that they cannot get any worse." Listing the despots who have ruled Nigeria for most of the past three decades — "Buhari, Babangida, Abacha." — he came to General Abubakar. "Each one reaches another limit, passing the last," he said. "Abiola is at the eye of a storm which could engulf us all. Minority groups are signalling they want to break away from Nigeria and form their own states where they can be small but happy and stable."

His fears, felt throughout the country, bring back memories of the 1960s when Biafra attempted to secede and a million died in war and famine. Many ordinary Nigerians, as well as politicians and soldiers, fear their country is again on the brink of such a catastrophe and have called for Chief Abiola's release.

Their greatest fear is that he might die in jail. "If that happens, and believe me I am against violence, we will lose control of the whole country. Nigeria will disappear off the map," said Gani Fawehinmi, Chief Abiola's lawyer.

☐ **Lagos:** General Obasanjo said he was framed for plotting a coup. He told a service of thanksgiving for his release in Abeokuta, his southwestern home town: "The whole exercise was a charade to arrive at a predetermined objective of silencing those who refuse to be compromised." *(Reuters)*

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Conrad Schumann in front of the picture of his escape from East Berlin

Suicide of soldier who fled to West

Ingolstadt: It is one of the best-known images from the Cold War: an East German soldier leaping to freedom over the early, barbed-wire Berlin Wall that he should have been guarding.

Thirty-seven years after his famous flight to the West, the former soldier, Conrad Schumann, has committed suicide. His wife discovered his body on Saturday hanging from a tree near their home in Kipfenberg, a village outside the southern town of Ingolstadt. He was 56. The motive for his suicide was not known.

Schumann fled East Berlin on August 15, 1961, two days after East German leaders ordered construction of the Berlin Wall. He was the first East German soldier or official to flee. At the time Schumann said he wanted to join family members who had already escaped to the West.

Posters of the famous photograph are still a best-selling item in the Berlin Wall museum at the former Checkpoint Charlie border crossing. *(AP)*

Bill Gates keeps crown as richest man in the world

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN NEW YORK

BILL GATES, the chairman of Microsoft, has topped *Forbes* magazine's list of the world's richest people for the fourth straight year, with his net worth jumping 40 per cent from a year ago to $51 billion (£31.8 billion).

Forbes tightened the criteria for its rankings this year by including only the "working rich". Listed are billionaires who have built their own fortunes or are working with their inheritances rather than the silver-spoon set living off their wealth, *Forbes* said in its July 6 issue, released yesterday.

Mr Gates easily fended off rivals. The combined riches of five people — the heirs of Sam Walton, the Wal-Mart founder, — fell $3 billion short to rank number two, with $48 billion.

The wealthiest individual behind Gates was Warren Buffett, the investor, at number three, with $33 billion. Rounding out the top five were Microsoft's co-founder, Paul Allen, at $21 billion and Canada's Kenneth Thomson, head of Thomson Corp, the publishing giant, at $14.4 billion.

One notable new listing was the family of Indonesia's former President Suharto, whose 32 years in power enabled him to amass stakes in about 3,200 Indonesian companies and a family fortune of about $4 billion, *Forbes* said.

Among others on the list were Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, with $5.3 billion, and Richard Branson, with $1.9 billion.

☐ **Richest rulers:** In a separate ranking, *Forbes* estimated the net worth of the world's "Kings, Queens and Dictators." Top is the Sultan of Brunei ($36 billion; oil, gas), followed by Saudi Arabia's King Fahd ($25 billion; oil, investments, property); Iraq's President Saddam Hussein ($5 billion; oil and "son Uday controls smuggling"); Syria's President Assad ($2 billion; oil, agriculture); the Queen ($420 million; investments, property — or $16 billion, if including the value of the Royal collection, with the Crown Jewels, held by the Queen in trust for the nation), and Cuba's President Castro ($100 million; tourism, nickel mining, sugar). *(Reuters)*

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Nation wants a captain who goes for goals and wins in style

INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

Germany, like Britain, is bathing in soccer kitsch. Pizzas arrive in national colours. Scotland presenting a particular culinary challenge: churches make television rooms available for parishioners "to share their joyous feelings"; football widows are offered free popcorn and a romantic film at the cinema while their husbands watch the match of the day on a big screen in an adjoining studio. It is all very tiresome.

But, this being Germany, it is also deeply serious. A World Cup win for Germany, runs the current analysis, would enhance Helmut Kohl's chances of re-election. The British Euro '96 experience suggests a more complex formula. England beat The Netherlands and the nation felt good. John Major looked better. Then England lost to Germany in the semi-final, and the mood swung towards Tony Blair. At the moment, the German Chancellor is identified closely with the national coach — and fellow Christian Democrat — Berti Vogts. They both talk up an offensive game but in reality play defensively.

"Is it not significant that Germany has never had a goalkeeping problem?" asks *Die Zeit*. Goalkeepers are the social conservatives of the football field. Germany's strikers are well into their thirties, Germany's Cabinet is full of greying men. Norbert Seitz, editor of the left-of-centre journal *Frankfurter Hefte*, argues that football catches the zeitgeist. "The end of the social democratic-liberal era was anticipated in the 1982 World Cup. The team played coalition football, dominated by tactics and intrigue." When Germany became world champions in 1954 it made a statement about the country's economic recovery. The World Cup victory of 1990 coincided with German unification.

Another cultural critic, Helmut Böttinger, identifies two icons from the 1960s: Willy Brandt, the Chancellor, and Günther Netzer, midfield player. "The long passes of Netzer were full of utopian spirit. The long-haired player wanted more, the breaking-down of borders, a release from all the fixed certainties."

In politics, as in football: the wind of change. "As soon as Helmut Schmidt became Chancellor, the game became flatter, more boring, and Germany became world champions." That was 1974.

Herr Kohl understands part, but not all, of this symbiosis between soccer and the political game. He played for a while in a local Oggersheim team, knows the clichés, knows the moves. Like Herr Vogts, he has been written off several times. They both have stamina, wait for weaknesses to emerge in the opposition before stealing goals. Herr Kohl has been to the training camp and will be in Paris to hug both Herr Vogts and Jürgen Klinsmann if they get past the quarter-finals. But voters, like football fans, demand more nowadays. "It's not supposed to be a beauty contest," said the Chancellor once after a mind-numbing German victory. That is where he is wrong. Germans have become more sophisticated since he became Chancellor in 1982. They have become a television nation, united by their viewing habits, and more widely informed. They do see politics, and football as a beauty contest. It has become important not only to win but to win elegantly, to recover some of the élan of the late 1960s.

Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor's Social Democratic rival, has picked this up and is offering the voters a bit of statesmanship, a bit of teenage culture (he invited the heavy rock band The Scorpions to his party last week) and a bit of rough-skinned popularism. He is running, as far as it is possible, a clean campaign. "Of course we want to win well, but we also win in the right way," says one of the candidate's staff. "With grace."

Grace? It is a long time since that word was in play in German politics, or German soccer. It is not a word that one much associates with Herr Kohl or Herr Vogts. Herr Schröder was a rather good footballer as a youth before wine, hotdogs and parliament widened his girth. When he moved away his team paid his train ticket and fed him with schnitzel to keep him playing. It was the first time, he tells his biographer, that he felt really valued.

There are other footballer-politicians in the Bundestag, but few understand as thoroughly as Herr Schröder the art of seducing the fans on the terraces. The election will be won this time not by networks of party loyalists but by the candidate who is most persuasive on the television screen. To be a good captain means not only organising the team in such a way that it scores goals but also to persuade opponents that they are hopelessly outclassed, that resistance is pointless. And that, I promise you, is the last football metaphor that will ever appear in this column.

Kosovo guerrillas claim the night

Gun law rules on the Albanian border, writes **Anthony Loyd** in Bajram Curri



IF THE meek are to inherit the Earth they should approach Bajram Curri carrying some heavy firepower, thousands of dollars, and hope they came from the right clan in order to claim the darkest corner of Europe's forgotten hinterland.

The northern Albanian border town, cradled between a towering range of high ground known as the "cursed mountains" to the Serbs, is home to gold-toothed gangsters. Gun law presides over its decaying, poverty-stricken sprawl. Every man has access to weapons as a result of the disintegration of Albania's army in the spring of last year, and the influx of refugees and Kosovo Liberation Army guerrillas from the north has stirred an already potent brew of clan tensions.

I have stayed in some rough venues in my life, but Bajram Curri's Hotel Kosovo is the first in which, upon checking in, I was presented with an automatic pistol as well as a room key. "Who is in control here?" I asked naively. "The Albanian Government, local people or the KLA?" He smiled at me patiently and shrugged benignly before beginning to laugh. "Something between the three," he replied.

As darkness fell over the lampless streets, I felt grateful for the sense of security afforded by the pistol's cool weight. Beyond the barred windows and dripping walls of my room something that sounded like gang rape was occurring, leaving me to reflect with empathy on the fateful choice of the Albanian nationalist after whom the town was named. Surrounded by enemy forces in the late 1920s, Bajram Curri blew out his brains on a mountain top.

There was one note of order in the night's long march. Shortly before midnight, a hushed conversation began outside my room. The voices were measured and controlled, their sense of gravitas reassuring in comparison to the yells, and the squealing of mafia Mercedes outside. They came from a small cadre of KLA commanders who had arrived in the town to try to co-ordinate the flow of men and weapons over the mountains into Kosovo.

In spite of years of repression by Serb authorities, these Kosovans have reaped some benefit from the comparative affluence of their homeland. In contrast to many of the Albanian locals, they appear focused, intelligent, even gentle. Attracted to Bajram Curri by the easy availability of weaponry and its security from Serb attack, these fighters have been supplemented by returning young Kosovans from Western Europe, who burn their foreign passports and buy a Kalashnikov for the equivalent of £80.

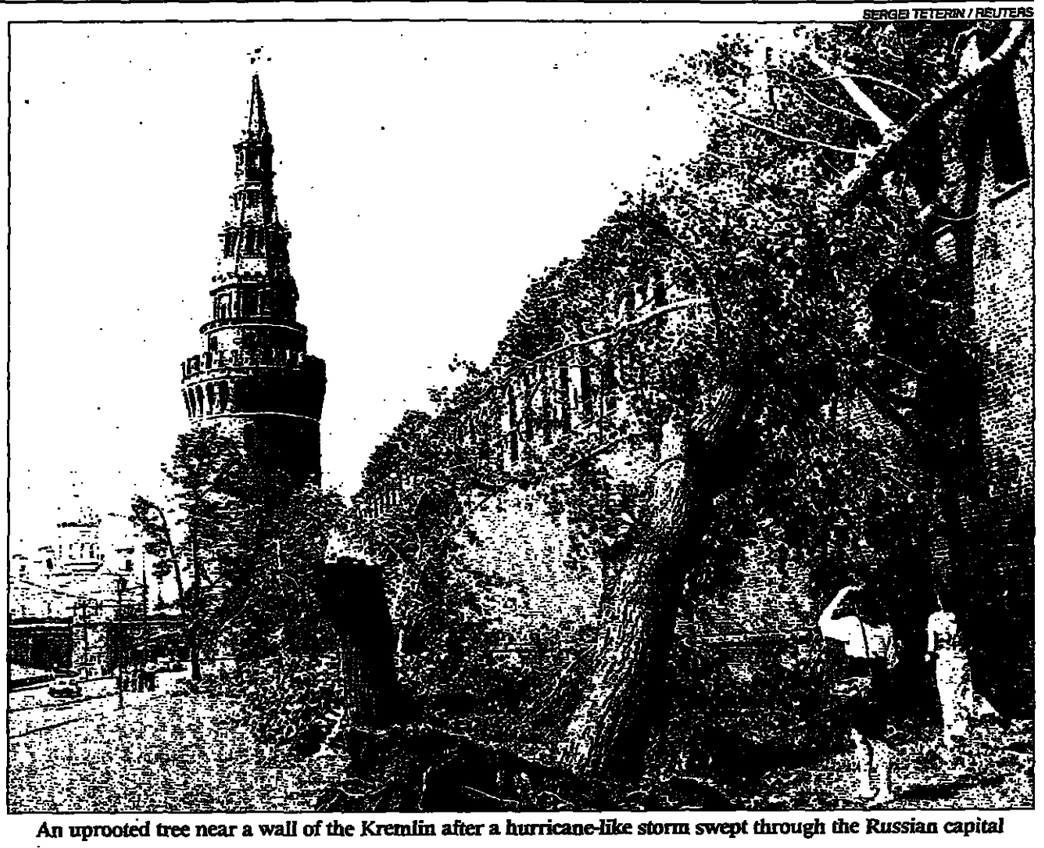
Recent actions by Serb forces in Kosovo have bestowed them with disproportionate power. As refugees cross the mountain range into Albania and the anger mounts, Kosovan moderates lose influence. Already, hundreds of guerrillas have returned across the forested border, accompanying mule trains laden with hardware.

"We began this war because we had no other choice beyond suffering indefinitely at the hands of the Serbs," one of the commanders said. He was an enigmatic looking man, a one-time veteran of the Yugoslav Army, whose education in Germany had combined with recent fighting experience to produce an aura of natural authority.

"Now it has started, it cannot stop with compromise with Milosevic, and the course of this war is in the hands of the Kosovans and the West. We shall not stop fighting, but if the West is to prevent the Albanian populations in Macedonia and Montenegro joining us in our struggle then it must force Milosevic to give Kosovo independence. This shall not finish quickly. It is but the start of a long fight. It is a fight for which we have more heart than the Serbs."

The next morning, a fighter explained where Serb forces were hidden over the border. "They have the day," he said. "But we have the night."

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An uprooted tree near a wall of the Kremlin after a hurricane-like storm swept through the Russian capital

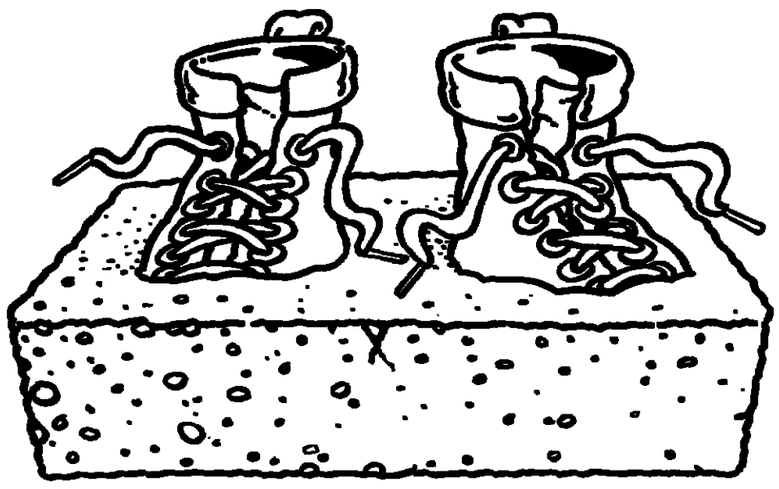
Six killed as storm wreaks havoc in Moscow

Moscow: Emergency services were last night struggling to clear the debris from a hurricane-force storm which killed six people and left a trail of destruction across the city (Robin Lodge writes). Hundreds of roads were blocked by fallen trees and power lines left trailing by the storm, which struck suddenly before midnight on Saturday, with a torrential downpour and winds gusting at up to 50 miles an hour. On one main street in the south-west of the city, a 300ft construction crane collapsed, blocking traffic. Hundreds of cars were destroyed and garages damaged. Balconies were ripped from buildings and satellite dishes sent flying from rooftops. Trolley-buses and trams have been taken out of service until power lines are restored. Extra buses have been brought in, but chaos is expected when people try to get to work this morning.

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New Lewinsky tapes threaten Starr inquiry

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

NEW tapes of conversations between Monica Lewinsky and her friend Linda Tripp show that the former White House trainee was besotted with President Clinton, but cast doubt on allegations that he asked her to lie about a sexual affair.

Two hours of previously undisclosed conversations between Ms Lewinsky and her former colleague portray the young woman as desperately obsessed with the President, frantically trying to construct ways to talk to him as the White House machine barred the doors against her.

"The first time I looked into his eyes, I saw something I didn't expect to see," she said, describing how she fell in love with the President. But later, after she was frozen out of the Oval Office coterie, she declared: "He is a shit. I want to kick him in the balls so that they turn into two flat pancakes."

The new details are disclosed by *US News & World Report* magazine, which says it obtained access to two hours of the 20 hours of tape-recording secretly made by Ms Tripp last October. Its associate editor was allowed to listen to the tapes by an undisclosed source, and then immediately wrote down what she remembered.

The new tapes could seriously undermine the attempts by Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, to prove that the President lied on oath about a sexual affair and urged Ms Lewinsky to lie on oath as well. Nowhere does Ms Lewinsky confirm having an affair, and she appears a less reliable witness than would suit Mr Starr's purposes. The magazine says: "The Lewinsky in these tapes is insecure, apologetic, vulnerable, whiny and immature . . .



Lewinsky: tells friend of look in Clinton's eyes

Democrat 'donor' named

Washington: A Hong Kong businessman was the source of alleged illegal contributions to the Democratic election campaign, says the head of China Aerospace Corporation. *Newsweek* magazine reports (*Bronwen Maddox* writes).

In the interview, Liu Jiyuan, the head of one of China's most secretive government-run organisations, names a Mr Zhang as the source of cash funnelled to America through Democratic *fund-raiser Johnnie Chung.* However, *the magazine said* that Mr Liu refused to produce a money transfer receipt he said he had seen, or to give Mr Zhang's full name or identification.

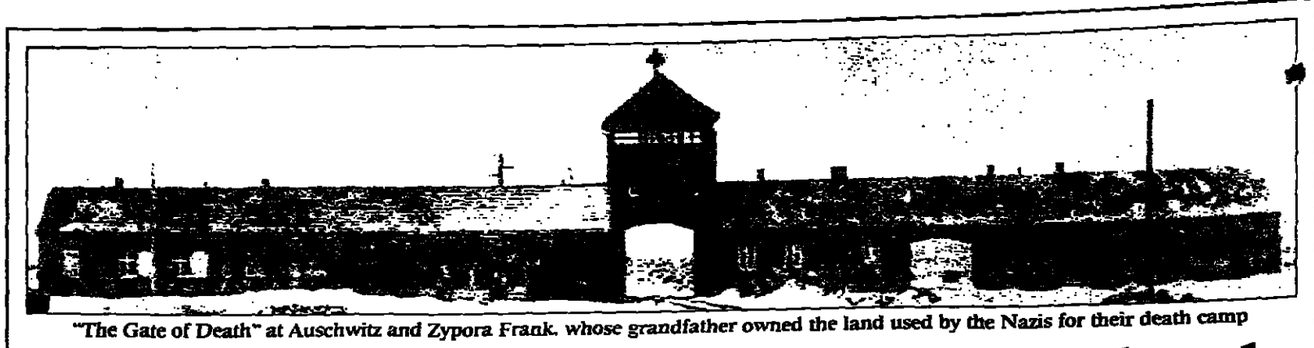
Mr Liu, allowed by the *Chinese Government to speak* to the press as a gesture of goodwill, says Mr Zhang had put money into a joint venture with Mr Chung and Liu Chaoying, a People's Liberation Army colonel and an employee of the Hong Kong arm of the China Aerospace *Corporation.*

Tripp urges Ms Lewinsky to make a tape asking the President to watch a film with her one evening, possibly over a snack. She tells Ms Lewinsky to send it to the President using Speed Service Couriers, a delivery company owned by the family of Lucianne Goldberg, the book agent who inspired Ms Tripp to tape the conversations.

The disclosure in January by *Newsweek* of a separate two hours of the conversations painted a much more damning picture of the young trainee. It appeared to sketch a sexual relationship between Ms Lewinsky and the President, and to show that the President and his friend Vernon Jordan were putting pressure on her to keep quiet.

The tapes have emerged as Ms Lewinsky's new lawyers struggle to put together a deal with Mr Starr to protect her from prosecution. She has offered to testify that she had sex with Mr Clinton, according to *The Washington Post.*

But, to Mr Starr's frustration, she has refused to plead guilty to any offence, including perjury, or to say that the President or Mr Jordan put pressure on her to lie under oath in the Paula Jones investigation. In turn, he is offering her only partial immunity — against prosecution arising from her own testimony — rather than the blanket protection she wants. Despite the weekend stalemate, both sides indicate they are hopeful of reaching a deal.



"The Gate of Death" at Auschwitz and Zypora Frank, whose grandfather owned the land used by the Nazis for their death camp



I own Holocaust land, Jewish widow reveals

Family haunted by grim irony, **Christopher Walker** writes from Hadera

IN THIS quiet Israeli town a widow is struggling to come to terms with one of the great *ironies of the Second World War* — that a substantial part of the Auschwitz death camp was built on land owned — then and now — by Jews.

"I ask myself every day, how can God have played such a terrible trick? And I wish that I could wake up one morning and have somebody tell me that it just has been a bad dream, and is not true," said Zypora Frank, 63, *heir to the family secret and* the land at Auschwitz that *the Nazis confiscated from* her grandfather to build an *ammunition plant.*

Last November, Mrs Frank returned to Poland with a sheaf of crumbling maps and documents to try to reclaim properties formerly owned by her grandfather *with the aid of lawyers,* translators and archivists.

It was only then she discovered that land which her mother had entrusted secretly to her and her brother in 1980 was part of the death camp in which the Nazis gassed and burnt more than *one-sixth of the six million* Jews slaughtered in the Holocaust. The moment of truth came when aerial photographs of the camp, taken by American pilots in 1944 and kept at an Auschwitz museum, showed that the Nazi *plant exactly matched earlier* maps of her grandfather's factory.

"The photographs were so detailed that you could actually see the figures lining up for the so-called 'showers' that were to exterminate them," said the unwitting *property owner.* "It was hard to believe that although the pilots were observing, they could not have dropped at least one bomb."

The dark undertones of the visit were inescapable, even in Mrs Frank's well-ordered, suburban living room. "It was a terrible experience. With the smoke from the chimneys hanging in the cold air, it was as though I had stepped back in time," she said, holding back tears. "The worst of my nightmares is the thought that the ovens used for burning tar in my grandfather's factory may have given the Nazis the idea of how to carry out their final solution."

Because of the guilt which has haunted the family since they fled illegally to then British-mandated Palestine in 1947 — after spending the war in a Siberian labour camp — the secret of the Jewish ownership of what became known as "plot 10 and 11" of Auschwitz took decades to emerge. But the years have done nothing to dilute their emotions. Mrs Frank is now seeking to set develop or secure compensation for her properties.

"The nature of this secret has had a terrible effect on my family, especially on my mother Rivka, whose whole family were killed in Auschwitz," Mrs Frank said. "She knew from the documents that all of her family perished on land that belonged to them. I think that she went into sort of shock from which she never really recovered mentally."

Israel angers US by redrawing Holy City's boundaries

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ISRAEL yesterday defied US and Palestinian criticism and adopted a plan to extend the boundaries of Jerusalem and deepen the city's ties with nearby Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank. The decision came only 48 hours after the US State Department called the plan "extremely provocative".

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, dismissed the criticism as "ridiculous" and denied claims by the Palestinian Authority that the Israeli plan amounted to de facto annexation of parts of the West Bank conquered from Jordan in the 1967 war. American and Palestinian officials expressed dismay that the new plan had been adopted at a time when the US is struggling to end the 15-month deadlock in the ailing Middle East peace process. They claimed that all actions pertaining to Jerusalem should be left to the final-status peace negotiaions between Israel and the PLO due, once they restart, to conclude in May 1999.

Under the development plan, Jerusalem will formally annex land to the west in Israel proper, while an expanded "umbrella municipality" will adopt administrative powers over other nearby Jewish towns.

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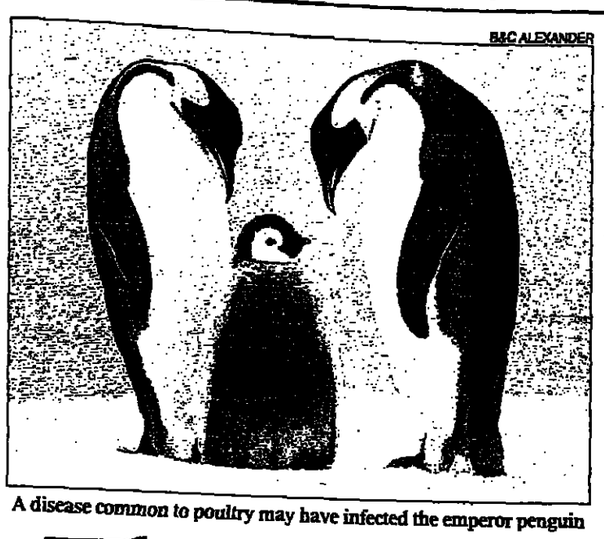
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A disease common to poultry may have infected the emperor penguin

The silent invasion of a pristine wilderness

Antarctica's many unique species are under threat from foreign dirt and disease. **Nick Nuttall** reports

When scientists waved a sad farewell to the last huskies in Antarctica four years ago, the departure was supposed to mean a fresh start for the continent. The dogs, which once pulled the sledges of famed explorers such as Roald Amundsen, were airlifted out to meet new environmental rules for protecting one of Earth's last great wildernesses.

But the threat to Antarctica has since grown, not diminished. A worrying report claims that pet dogs, cats, budgerigars and goldfish have been discovered in some of the 50 bases run by various nations. Discarded food, clothing and sewage, left by tourists and scientists, have also been found. All can carry alien pathogens, or diseases, into this pristine wilderness, threatening native plants and animals.

Global warming adds to the problem because a warmer climate makes it easier for pathogens to breed. In some areas temperatures have risen by two degrees.

As well as spreading nasty infections, incoming species can out-compete native ones for food and habitat. The alien invasion has already begun — some islands near the main continent are infested with rats, strange grasses are growing wild near two stations and a disease common to poultry is thought to have infected Adélie and emperor penguins. Earthworms, parasitic worms, mites and fly larvae have been found in some potted plants discarded at one research station. The report was compiled by Dr Maj de Poorter, from the University of Auckland, for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, a network of scientists, charities and government agencies. Its shocking conclusion is that some of the 43 countries — who are signatories to the Antarctic Treaty, which includes strict environmental protocols — have been flouting the rules. Some breaches may be unintentional, but many are not.

"The introduction of alien groups into Antarctica includes accidental imports such as cockroaches, rats and mice, which come in on ships," Dr de Poorter says. "But there are also non-accidental ones such as plants and pets." In fact, the findings are so serious that, barely two months after a meeting in Norway, the nations will gather again in Tasmania in August to look urgently at how the existing rules can be tightened.

Any alien species emerging in a new region may cause harm. But Antarctica is vulnerable because it is not owned by anyone. Conduct of the 8,000 scientists who live there is governed by a treaty that relies on good faith. "There is no department of agriculture, and no fumigation expert to deal with this problem," Dr de Poorter says. "Unless we take preventive action, we are going to ruin what is a very, very special place."



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Some islands near the main continent are infested with rats, which were brought in by ship, and strange grasses are growing wild near two research stations

Although all nations agree that the continent ought to be preserved for its own sake, scientists also point out that some of the native organisms under threat could be valuable. For example, the Prince Charles Mountains in Antarctica are thought to be the home of unique microbes isolated for millions of years. One day these microbes could form the basis of a promising new drug. The mountains do not enjoy special protection.

In addition, the continent could help to answer fundamental scientific questions. Those isolated, ancient microbes could reveal something about how life on the planet evolved. And the region has been priceless to meteorologists, who are studying it to unravel the mysteries of past and future climates — tomorrow, for example, the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) will reveal important research gleaned from studies there.

For now, however, these pursuits are taking a back seat. Rats that have appeared on nearby islands are already breeding; their increasing numbers threaten the bird population because the rats eat the eggs and chicks. The alien grasses, growing near Syowa station, run by Japan, and Russia's Progress station, are pushing out native vegetation on which other organisms depend. Newcastle disease, which may have afflicted penguins near Australia's Mawson station, could have stemmed from imported poultry or discarded food, which was eaten by scavenging birds.

> Unless action is taken we will ruin a special place

The disease, contained in the bones, may also have lurked in the dishwater washed into the environment from kitchens in the stations. Nobody really knows how the disease will affect the continent's most famous inhabitants. Some countries are taking no chances. Dr John Shears of the BAS in Cambridge, says only boned chicken is imported to British bases.

The problem is that not every nation is following, or can afford to follow, such fastidious guidelines.

What then can be done? Britain wants to see the number of special protection areas in the continent increase. These regions are singled out, by treaty nations, for their biological and geological uniqueness, and require visiting scientists to wear masks and sterilised outfits. However, less than a thousandth of Antarctica is protected in this way, and many nations believe that this approach is too cautious. Dr David Walton, from the BAS, has also suggested that culling and incineration facilities be installed in the region, so that infected incomers can be dealt with swiftly. Alien organisms are not the only threat to the region — tourist ships also pose a danger. Ten thousand tourists are expected to sail to Antarctica over the Antarctic summer. Even though most tour operators that run ships off the coast (there are no tourist flights) have signed up to a code of conduct, which discourages tourists from setting foot on the continent, many vessels are not equipped to sail in such treacherous waters. If the hull is pierced by ice, fuel can leak into the sea.

The concern was illustrated several years ago by the case of *Europa*, a German cruise liner sailing round the world. The liner suddenly switched course and steamed into Antarctic waters for a spot of impromptu sightseeing. As is allowed by the Antarctic treaty, the German ship was intercepted by *HMS Endurance*, a British protection and survey vessel, whose crew found that the liner's charts were out of date.

Had she strayed much further off course, *Europa* could have sustained serious damage. In 1989, an Argentine hip was grounded off the northern tip of the Antarctic peninsula. Fortunately, she leaked a relatively small amount of oil.

Britain and Norway are now working with the International Maritime Organisation to ensure that all visiting ships have strengthened hulls, are fitted with equipment to fight oil-slicks and have the latest sea charts. Nations are also trying to clarify legal responsibility for environmental disasters. If a ship goes down, her owners are not liable for the threat to wildlife, or for cleaning up the mess.

Meanwhile, five years of legal wrangling have failed to deliver an agreement acceptable to all nations. "Costing environmental damage is difficult," admits Dr Walton. "How do you put a value on the death of 10,000 penguins killed by a slick?"

Unless something is done soon, observers say, the nations charged with protecting the planet's last great wilderness may have to face that awful dilemma.

Chaos in weather forecasts



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

CHAOS theory has inspired books, plays, and dinner-party conversations beyond counting, replacing Heisenberg's uncertainty principle as a scientific theory that most people think they understand. Its appeal is that it seems to set limits on science by declaring that some things are beyond prediction.

Now a group of weather forecasters from Reading University and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting have turned the theory on its head and have used it to improve forecasts.

Since the atmosphere is chaotic, small errors in the measurement of initial conditions will grow and so limit the accuracy of a forecast. But some errors are more important than others, say Drs Alan Thorpe, Roberto Buizza, Andrea Montani and Tim Palmer. They presented their results at the New Frontiers in Science exhibition at the Royal Society last week.

The places where errors grow rapidly are called sensitive regions, whose exact positions vary from day to day. They depend on the position and strength of features such as the upper-level jet stream. If a forecast is made from data that contains an error in a sensitive region, the error can quickly ruin the prediction. Errors in less sensitive regions are less critical. They tend to diminish over time, rather than growing.

This makes it possible to improve forecasts by predicting in advance where the sensitive regions are and then taking extra care to get the best possible data from them. To do so, forecasters first make a prediction two days in advance, then define an area where they want to improve its accuracy — over Britain, for example. Using the techniques of chaos theory, they work out the region where a perturbation two days earlier would have the greatest effect at the forecast time.

In January and February last year the researchers took part in an important international programme, the Fronts and Atlantic Storm-Track Experiment, to see if the idea worked. They watched the development of the storms over the Atlantic that are such an important feature of Britain's weather and typically take several days to mature. For one of the storms, which developed between February 17 and 19 that year, they worked out the sensitive region, which turned out to be a spot over the western Atlantic. Then they made additional measurements from aircraft flying through the area 42 hours before the developing storm was expected to reach Britain.

The results were fed into the forecast and produced a result much closer to what in fact happened. Calculations of pressure at mean sea level mirrored quite closely what occurred. In addition, the improvement was better than it would have been if the extra data had been collected without the sensitive region being first defined.

So the concept works. The next step will be to improve methods for calculating the location of the sensitive regions. At present, forecasts are based on observations from fixed points, made at specified times of night and day. Precise identification of sensitive regions could influence the timing of observations, or mobile platforms such as satellites, balloons, or pilotless aircraft could be used to gather additional data. The result should be more accurate forecasts — achieved by using the very mathematical concepts that seem to show that accurate forecasting is impossible.

Creating a sound barrier



BLOCKING out sound is notoriously difficult, as anybody who lives along a major road will testify. But Spanish physicists, inspired by a sculpture in a Madrid art gallery, have devised a way of doing it.

The object they saw consisted of vertical bars of various lengths hanging from a framework, rather like a set of wind chimes. Dr José Sanchez-Dehesa, of the Autonomous University of Madrid, and colleagues guessed that a structure like this might act towards sound waves as the crystals of some semiconductors do towards electrons — creating "band gaps" that the electrons cannot occupy.

After tests proved encouraging, they constructed their own sculptures in the laboratory. They consist of up to 500 vertical wooden or steel rods, each about a metre long, arranged as a cube or triangle. Sound reaching this thicket of rods is absorbed and cannot penetrate, if it is of the right frequency.

The results, reported in *Physical Review Letters*, have fascinated other physicists. "This is the first time that someone has seen a band gap for acoustic waves," Dr Mihail Sigalas, a physicist at the Ames Laboratory in Iowa, told *Science Now*. Whether we shall ever see them lining the streets is more uncertain.

Can genetics hold the key to longevity?



IF you are a fruit-fly, here's some good news. Canadian researchers have found that a human gene can make you live 40 per cent longer.

A major cause of ageing is damage by oxygen-containing free radicals, highly active chemicals produced in the normal course of metabolism. Dr Gabrielle Boulianne, of the University of Toronto, and Dr John Phillips, of the University of Guelph, have shown that in fruit-flies the cells most likely to be damaged by these free radicals are motor neurons, the nerve cells that are linked to muscles.

The team inserted into the flies' motor neurons the human gene, SOD1. This makes the enzyme superoxide dismutase, which converts the free radicals into harmless materials, says the team in *Nature Genetics*.

The result was flies which, instead of dying after 80 days, lived for more than 110 days. Few experts would have expected a single gene to have such a marked effect.

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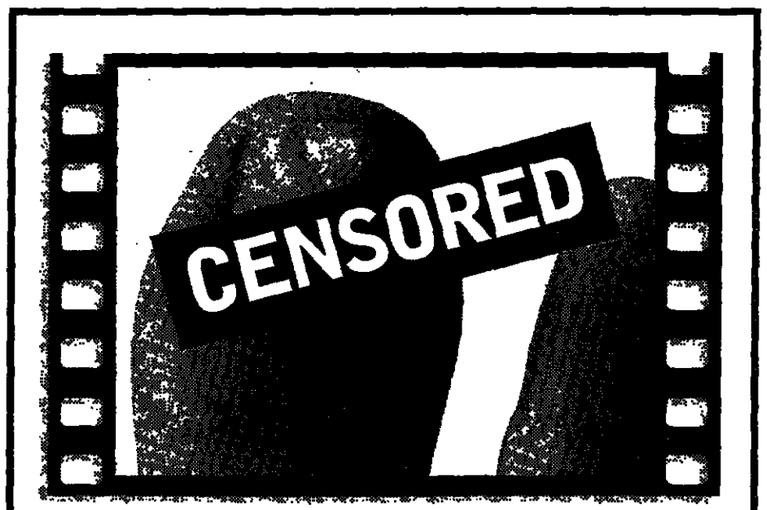
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Pink poppy tulle dress, £210 by Ghost from The Clothing Store, 28 High Street, Teddington, Middlesex, 0181-960 3121. Lace trim slip dress worn underneath, £255 by Dosa from Browns, 27/29 South Molton Street W1, 0171-491 7833. Necklace, £30 by Jade



Purple floral wrap dress, £105 by Plenty, an American label by Tracy Reese, a graduate of Parson's School, New York, is stocked exclusively at Browns Focus, 0958-360 835

Spirits of the summer of love

Designers have looked to the East to create this summer's wafty, Woodstock styles, says Style Editor **Grace Bradberry**

It's almost 30 years since Woodstock, the Summer of Love and all that Sixties stuff. As temperatures finally reach simmering point, we're seeing a rebirth of the hippy-chic style. Dr Timothy Leary may be dead, you may work in the City, but you can still tune in and drop out at weekends if you choose your summer gear carefully.

Dresses that recall love-ins, visits to the Maharishi and idyllic afternoons listening to Janis Joplin (if that's not a contradiction) are the coolest take on Flower Power. We're talking wafty but never fey, pretty but not girly, and cross-cultural but never ethnic-schmethnic. See these frocks, and smell the joss sticks.

Designers who get the rich hippy thing tend to be either English or American — hardly surprising, since the spirit is a kind of Glastonbury/Woodstock fusion without the mud (these frocks would *disintegrate* in mud).

One of the main men is the improbably named Tracy Feith, originally from Texas. Manami Sloley, of the Knightsbridge boutique Tokio, first discovered his sari-inspired range in a shop in New York's Soho. Since then Feith has opened his own shop in the same district.

Feith, whose long hair, beard and denim jacket set him apart from your average fashion designer, learnt his craft more than a decade ago when he was a teenager working as a machinist. He and his father drove from Texas to New York in a van so they could show the collection to stores such as Barneys.

The dress shown far right is from the Raj collection, which features similar clothes, winter or summer. There is also a second, seasonal collection.

Less laid-back, more obviously sexy, are the dresses of Betsey Johnson, a Sixties survivor. Johnson, whose flirty designs were to America what Mary Quant's were to London, has finally crossed the Atlantic and opened a store on Draycott Avenue in Knightsbridge. Flippy little slip-dresses are her *raison d'être*.

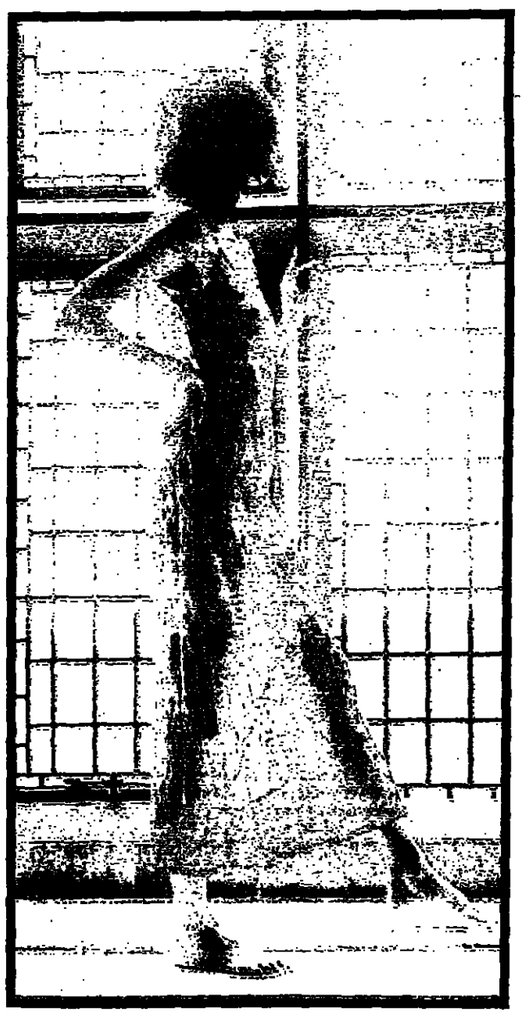
In general, however, this summer's silks are more Eastern than lingerie. Dosa, another New York label designed by Korean-American Christina Kim, is based around little shot-silk pieces. Little Chinese pyjamas in paper silk and shirts with Mandarin collars are central to the look. The dresses are flimsy little things, which easily wrinkle, and are very cool, very urban, very Notting Hill. Oh, and Nicole Kidman has some.

Plenty, another American label, stocked exclusively at Browns Focus, has a similarly strong concept behind it. Tracy Reese, a graduate of New York's Parsons School of Design, is a great believer in what the British fashion crowd call "pieces" — one-off desirable items that grab the eye. Her collection is built around dresses, and she specialises in what she calls "happy non-essential items" such as beaded dresses and sarong shirts.

For a bona fide English bohemian look, you can't do better than Ghost. This poppy tulle dress was the star of the spring/summer show. It's floral but edgy, with a great cut that doesn't shout about itself. Worn with a slip, it creates the two-layer effect — sheer organza on silk — that is proving a big hit. Bringing the two trends together, designers have produced something wearable, and kind of new.

And finally, a word about Akira Isogawa. Who would have thought Bohemianism could be alive and well and living in Sydney? Isogawa's colourful fabric combinations and mysterious Japanese styling were the surprise hit of last summer's Australian fashion week. John Burstein snapped up his collections for Browns in South Molton Street.

Isogawa grew up in Kyoto, Japan, but attended the East Sydney Technical College, then opened a shop in October 1993, selling clothes created out of old kimonos. Today, at 36, he has turned what was originally a way of cutting cosss into a recognisable style. He no longer needs to recycle fabrics, but the essence of that look remains.



Red long sheer floral dress, £390 by Akira Isogawa from Browns, 27/29 South Molton Street W1



Green paisley slip dress, £130 by Tracy Feith at Tokio, 309 Brompton Road SW3, 0171-823 7310.
Two tone ribbed cardigan, £215 by Joseph, 26 Sloane Street SW, 0171-590 6200.
Necklace and floral hairclip by Noel from Browns Focus, 38/39 South Molton Street W1, 0171-629 0666



Left: Lilac embroidered silk chiffon slip, £215.25 by Betsey Johnson, 106 Draycott Avenue SW3, 0171-591 0005

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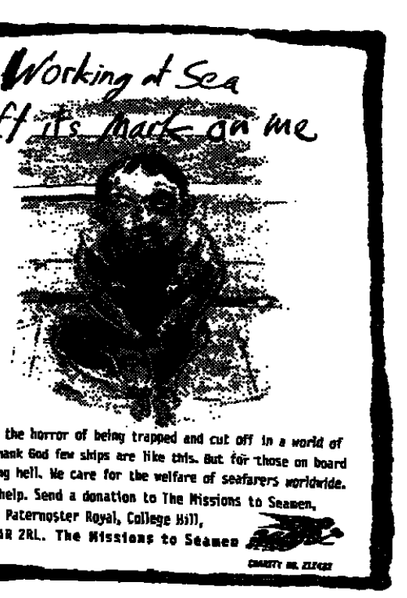
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Another night, another customer

Fifty years after the creation of the National Health Service, **Andrew Davidson** chronicles the daily drama of life at St Thomas' Hospital, London



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"Great place and great people to do what they do" — an emergency patient gets the benefit of expert attention in accident and emergency

Meet the doctor. Jim is 33, blond, tall, a little podgy and a keen smoker. Carlos is his patient. Carlos is a keen smoker, which is why he is being pinned down by two policemen in the Accident and Emergency department, St Thomas' Hospital, London, at midnight while Jim examines him. Jim smokes filter-tips (in the nurses' tea room). Carlos smokes crack (nobody's quite sure where, but the pipe's in his pocket). Right now, Carlos, sweat breaking out over his death-white face, pupils shrunk to pinpricks, looks as if he is about to slug someone. Nurses struggle to put pads on his chest and a pulse-clip on one of his fingers. He starts ranting in a guttural foreign language, then grunts some expletives in English.

"Stay calm, relax," says Jim, softly. "We're trying to make sure you are OK, all right? Can we find someone who speaks his language. What is it anyway?"

Another night, another customer. Jim, wearing baggy grey trousers and a dancing penguin tie, sits in the tea room and drags on a cigarette. Two air-filters hum. Nicotine seems to drip off the yellowing walls. As a registrar, Jim is an experienced, qualified doctor, but still about two years away from becoming a consultant, if he's lucky. He likes the buzz and the variety of A&E. But much of the work is mundane. After 50 years of the National Health Service, punters still turn up thinking they are going to get better care than from their GP. What they actually get, unless it's a real emergency, is just a bunch of very nervy, very young juniors all over them like a rash. Older doctors have their own technical term for it: the sickest seeing the thickest. That's a joke, of course.

A couple of hours later Casualty is beginning to fill up. Carlos has stopped swearing and Jim is rubbing Carlos's back almost affectionately, soothing him. The police have gone, a porter has been found who speaks his language and Carlos has been given a morphine antidote to bring him down.

THE SURGERY list starts at 1.30pm sharp. In the operating theatre the team waits, chattering idly in groups, whispering about love or lunch or money, already masked and hatted in turquoise like a bandit pyjama gang looking for a stick-up. The mood quietens slightly when Tony Young, surgeon and medical director, the hospital's most senior doctor, walks in. Behind him the patient has appeared on the table. At one end the anaesthetist holds court with his machine. At the other, a scrub nurse wheels over a trolley of scalpels, scissors and clamps.

"Right," says Young. He bends slightly and concentrates, deep in thought.

MUCH OF THE equipment at St Thomas' is bought with the help of the hospital's Special Trustees. They are the stewards of the hospital's own private cash mountain, the result of eight centuries' worth of endowments and donations. Like an Oxbridge college, St Thomas' has farms in East Anglia, property in London, fantastically valuable artworks and more than £100 million invested on the Stock Exchange. It is not something it shouts about, and the wealth is kept ring-fenced from politicians.

> Older doctors call it the sickest seeing the thickest

JIM IS ON the phone in A&E, talking to a urology consultant. It is midnight, a baby has been brought in bleeding heavily after a botched circumcision. The parents are frantic. "Look! Look! CAN'T YOU HELP HIM!" implores the father. The mother just cries.

The urology registrar, on call somewhere in the huge hospital behind, can't be found. Either his aircall batteries are flat, or he hasn't got it with him, or he's not where he should be, or . . . Jim has woken the registrar's boss, asleep at home. Jim wants to say: "Look, this kid needs a urology operation, he's exsanguinating, I've got a nurse holding his willy and we've got to do something!", but he's politer than that. You have to be careful whom to pick fights with; you might want favours.

ANDY IS riding down Kennington Road when it happens. Warm, sticky blood. Blood on his jeans. He's conscious, that's good. He knows that's good. He can see feet, people around him. He can't see the bike. What happened? The car smashed straight into him. The driver hadn't seen him. The pain in his hip is so great he almost passes out.

His thoughts are jumbled by the gas. He gives a start as the doors whoosh open at A&E and he feels the warmth of the reception room roll over him. A strange sense of elation hits him. This is like television!

The next morning the surgeon comes to see him. He says that the operation was a success and they have put the leg back into its socket, but there is bad news. The socket is smashed. They need to think what to do next. The consultants come and go. Andy feels he is being passed from one to another like pass-the-parcel, each taking another wrapper off, each one getting closer to the nub of the problem.

THE YOUNG manager paces her office while she talks. She says she doesn't know what it is about hospitals, but there is something going on under the surface that you don't get in other workplaces. "It's the big element of flirtation that goes on in this place. There's definitely an undercurrent, and it's to do with the strong male culture that still exists here. I can remember meetings in my office with male doctors and they get far too close. They are not aware of what they are doing half the time."

ANDY IS happier now. He has mastered the bedpan routine and has slowly begun to enjoy leaving all the decisions to others. He realises that he likes being treated just as a body rather than as a complicated singular person. And once he is wheeled into the ward after his second operation, he feels as if he is back in the bosom of his family.

The operation is a success. He is held together with bolts, but he feels his flesh firming and mobility returning. And after three-and-a-half weeks, they say he can go.

He knows that 20 years ago he would have been crippled. Now he is walking out. Great place, he thinks, great people to do what they do.

DOWN IN THE morgue, the phone rings. It is the first undertaker of the day, wanting to know the height and width of a body for pick-up. Bill asks him to hang on, and finds the name on one of the fridge lists. He opens the door, slides the sheet-wrapped body partially out, measures roughly and walks to the phone.

"Five feet six, little tubby one," he says, cradling the phone on his shoulder while he taps out another cigarette.



Buzz, variety and stress

The undertakers like his relentless chirpiness. The blokes you meet in this kind of job either talk a lot or say nothing at all. Bill never stops.

CHRIS APS, a cardiac anaesthetist, rings for the first patient to be brought in for surgery. Mary is 76, with unstable angina. Aps says hello. Mary smiles up bleakly, her grey hair scraped back, her eyes slightly disorientated and frightened. She appears resigned. Her loose, pale throat offered up to the harsh light as she lies back. She has slept well — every patient gets a small sedative the night before the operation to stop them worrying — but already seems exhausted by the anticipation.

Aps takes her hand. "Mary, can I call you Mary? How are you? All right? Any pain? No, good." He takes a syringe from the counter behind him. "I'll just give you something to sedate you, Mary," he says, injecting her carefully. Mary's eyelids flutter slowly.

"WHAT'S THAT Oasis song you are always playing?" The senior surgical registrar looks up quizzically from where he is working on Mary's chest.

"*Don't Look Back in Anger*," says Aps, his voice slightly muffled by his paper mask. "Haven't got it here." He is fiddling with a large ghetto-blaster in the corner of the operating theatre. He slips on a CD. *Yellow Brick Road* by Elton John. "I like the Oasis song. Just doesn't feel the same without it."

Sometimes when they are really tired or hauled in to do an emergency in the middle of the night, the heart team dip all the theatre lights except for the main spots over the tables, and really pump up the volume. Anyone stumbling in would go, whoa! Where am I? Some weird nightclub?

"I WANT two coffees." The harsh voice cuts the calm. Patients look round. Pushing the tea trolley over to the bed, Constance is used to rude people. The woman doesn't even look up. I'm not going to say anything, thinks Constance. Just give the woman her coffee and walk on.

Constance is a cleaner. She works in the second NHS, apart from the doctors and managers, inhabited by the workers who just get on with it, who face daily rudeness and sparse resources and eternal crisis.

OVER IN A&E, a young man, drunk, sobs over the unconscious body of his younger brother, lying on a trolley in Casualty. Both have been out on a drinking bender, during which the younger brother slipped and knocked himself out, gashing his head badly. He has been lying in the cubicle for half an hour, while the doctors work to ascertain just how bad his injuries are. His brother, uncertain and dazed, crouches by him, looking as if he is about to wheel him away. A nurse, catching his actions as she walks past, asks him to leave. He replies with an obscenity.

"I said OUT!" the nurse snaps, and for a moment they meet, nose to nose, breath on breath. The man's face puckers in rage before he sways slightly and retreats. The nurse ushers him off to Reception with disdainful determination. The room is nearly empty. Only a mother waits with her child, red-faced and tearful. Two ambulancemen chat up the receptionist. A cleaner tidies round them.

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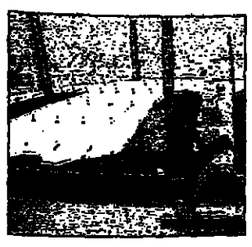
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Roll up, roll up, to our circus maximus

Is it time for a new song? "There is nothing like a Dome." OK, it's an adaptation but so are so many big hits these days.

I went to the Millennium Dome last week — to a building whose construction I had opposed. I am forced in fairness to report that it is magnificent. And, importantly for a thrifty Cumbrian, contrary to my previous information, it could last as long as the Eiffel Tower. It has the same zest as that Tower. It makes the spirits soar.

Partly because at first it seems like a tent. The biggest Big Top you ever saw. There is the smell of greasepaint and the lush aroma of sawdust about it — resonant in the country that invented circuses — and you feel that the roar of the crowd cannot be far behind. They have not measured how many circus rings could fit into it. But they are happy to tell you that the footprint of the Dome would contain ten St Paul's Cathedrals, or 72 tennis courts, or 12 football pitches, or all of Trafalgar Square, the Great Pyramid of Giza, the whole of Wembley Stadium and, my Yorkshire guide pointed out, if turned upside down, the Dome would hold 3.8 billion pints of Yorkshire bitter.

Tomorrow is a year on from the beginning of construction and the Dome is up to speed, on budget and well driven. Given the mixed press he receives, it has to be reported that, according to the hard-hatted, hard-headed engineers I met, Peter Mandelson's commitment and enthusiasm have been an inspiration.

What strikes you first about the Dome are the 12 supporting masts, each one jutting out at an angle 100 metres into the air with the cushioned roof below, rather like the points which rim a crown. But it also has the aspect of a giant listening disc, scanning the Universe, appropriately so near the Greenwich Observatory with the meridian line a few yards from the Dome itself.

High on those elegant masts tiny figures clamber about as surefootedly as only North American Indians are supposed to be able to do. But these are 90 British rock-climbers fixing the final cables to what is a finely pitched tension structure. The 12 masts pull it up. Then the cables pull and bolt it down in concrete. It covers one million square feet and is 320 metres in diameter.

My guide was determined to point out how much British craft and skill had gone into it. All the steel, the ropes, the buildings within, the electrical work, the internal organisation (500 lavatories) were British, and even though



the roof material came from America, most of the erectors, he says, were British too. It helps when you think of recent events in Marseilles.

When I first went into the Dome, I started to smile, as you have to. It is so audacious. Tents are fun and this is the biggest tent in the world. The fact that it will still be here in 2098 and 2198 makes it even more enjoyable.

You look out of it towards that other massive East End construction, Canary Wharf, and think how soon a white elephant is turning into a national monument. The Dome, too, is clearly part of an initiative which, to put it at its simplest, aims to replace the activity of what was once the greatest port in the world by activity which could make it a great port of call.

All along the Thames, engineering projects are attacking the decay of a previous age with weapons — huge drills and cranes — which in themselves may represent the last part of the 20th century as another of our great ages of engineering. Certainly these engineering implements and feats are on a scale and of a beauty besides which most modern sculpture can only gulp.

Scribble, scribble, I went as my site wellington boots squelched and a Niagara of statistics poured out. Did I realise that the basic cost was £40 a square foot to cover the space — you could hardly get a large tin shed for that. It would house nine major exhibitions, take in at least seven million visitors throughout the year, and the central show itself would play several times in front of 11,000 people. You stagger out like a happy mosquito drunk on too much rich blood.

It is as if a mother ship had landed down there at the broad mouth of our most ancient, vital and important river and around it had already seeded satellites of growth and development unimagined before its coming.

It has certainly arrived. I was one of those who were against the Dome, thinking that the money would be better spent were it to be divided up and scaled out across Britain. That argument was lost, and for some time I turned my back on the Dome. But I can see it from the office building in which I work, and word started to creep back that it was quite a spectacle.

Last week curiosity proved too strong and I went to look for myself. Perhaps I went to scold. No chance. I was disarmed and delighted that a building of such confidence and freshness was rising up on once-derelict soil to celebrate not so much the millennium as the nerve of the country itself. Tony Blair certainly has something to look at when he goes to Greenwich today.

Our man in wacky country

Next week Angus Farquhar parties for Britain at Expo 98. **Hettie Judah** meets the 'Britart ambassador'

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Clutching at straws: In Lisbon, Angus Farquhar will be showcasing some of the more experimental aspects of Britain's cultural renaissance

Angus Farquhar is a mite hung over. It is the morning after the Scotland v Brazil match and the previous evening apparently disappeared in the kind of euphoria in honourable defeat that the Scots do so well. Friends throw him knowing winks as they pass in the street: you suspect that they have a pretty good idea of what he might have been up to. Farquhar, after all, is a man famous for taking his social life very seriously indeed. Farquhar, quite literally, parties for Britain, and now the Foreign Office has asked him to throw the "midsummer night's" party — in fact, on June 28 — at the Lisbon Expo.

Ignore the "National Day for Britain" title; this will be no charming display of Lloyd Webber excerpts and anodyne costume drama. This will be a real party, with fire and pagan rituals and top club DJs. This will be a party for New Britain.

Farquhar gags at the mere mention of Cool Britannia. You would expect no less. Nevertheless, he is the man who has been chosen to represent dynamic British culture. Forget the Spice Girls, forget *The Full Monty*. Under Farquhar's direction the National Day for Britain will be a showcase for the nation's edgier experimental elements: club culture, video artists, eccentric inventors, modern classical music and Celtic revelry.

> 'What I like most about the British is their tolerance'

"Ten years ago this would have been called subculture," he says. "The very people who are backing this event would have been trying to close these things down, whereas now I think they are representative of some of the most exciting aspects of British culture."

Ten years ago Farquhar himself was involved in the kind of activity that the Establishment was probably quite keen to close down. As a core member of the legendary industrial percussion group Test Department, he toured with a choir of striking miners and raged against Thatcherism.

Test Department disbanded at the end of the 1980s after reinstating the Beltane Fire Festival in Edinburgh, and Farquhar and friends bounded out of the ashes as NVA — Nacionale Vita Activa — artists of the grand event, internationalists, fabulists and devotees of the *genius loci*. "I would be the first to say that NVA's shows have not been universally brilliant," he admits with disarming accuracy. "But usually there is a grain of something there that makes it worth seeing. I am getting to the stage where two out of three shows are good instead of one out of three."

Such hiccups would normally be easy to overlook in an experimental company, but Farquhar is a self-confessed "size queen" — NVA draws audiences of a size that riot rousers could only dream about. This year Beltane attracted between 10,000 and 15,000 people. When NVA productions fail, they do so in spectacularly public style.

Perhaps because of NVA's pulling power, the arts establishment has been uncharacteristically astute in recognising its potential. The British Council and the Scottish Arts Council have pinpointed the company as a valuable national resource.

During the early 1990s, Farquhar regularly treated local funding meetings to a critical assault of some kind, and generally put himself about a bit. Far from being struck off the list, he apparently won respect. When he says: "What I like most about British people is their notion of tolerance, a national aspect that celebrates individuality," it is hard not to wonder what would have become of him if this had not been the case. Because, as he reminds you over and over, Farquhar does not do compromise.

The uncompromising vision he has created for the Expo celebrations includes new music by Gavin Bryars, narration by Julie Christie, a fire festival stretching over 5km and starring a quartet of eight-metre-high wicker men, a vast open-air dance party opened by the DJ of the minute, David Holmes, and all manner of water and video-based special effects. It is refreshingly far away from the humiliating middle-of-the-road commercialism normally pushed as New British culture.

The fact that it was commissioned by the traditionally conservative Foreign Office augurs better for millennial representations of Britain than might have been hoped, a fact that has evidently not passed Farquhar by. Asked whether he has any advice for the organisers of the millennium celebrations, he answers, without hesitation: "Yeah, get me to do the opening party."

Verdi wit and verve

OPERA

Garsington Opera could doubtless fill the place night after night with *Barbers* and *Figaros*, but they have carved a distinctive artistic profile with rarely performed Haydn and Strauss, and on Thursday they tackled their first Verdi: *Falstaff*.

This is a very creditable ensemble effort: high on musical values and wittily directed by Stephen Unwin. Robert Poulton cuts a suitably absurd, yet not unsympathetic figure as the potbellied philanderer. Sounder in the middle register than at the top, he supports his outsize anatomy with a generally firm line and full tone. A convincing Sir John has to attract some measure of compassion and Poulton achieved it on Thursday in his third-act monologue, as he bemoaned his passing glory.

The trio of feisty females — Elizabeth Gale as Alice Ford, Mary King as Meg Page and Fiona Kimm as Mistress Quickly — seize the precious chances Verdi offers to blossom vocally. Nannetta has some of the most evocative phrases to sing and Kate Ladner, fetching of appearance and delightful of timbre, steals all hearts.

As her lover Fenton, Andrew Burden also gives pleasure, while Roderick Earle's Ford is strongly characterised. The gravelly voiced Richard Angas is a fine Pistol and Aled Hall the Bardolph. Only Terry Jenkins as Dr Caius had a bad night.

Except for an unsightly bronze installation, Pamela Howard's scenography and Unwin's inventive direction make good use of the house and garden. Entrances and exits by characters weaving through the parterre in view of the audience are contrived to add a comic dimension, while the sight of Fenton reacting ecstatically offstage to the sound of Nannetta's voice is a lovely touch.

Though textures are inevitably undernourished, the Garsington Opera Orchestra, incorporating the Guildhall Strings, plays cleanly for Stephen Barlow, who wields a lively baton.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Handel in haste

Athalia
St James's, Piccadilly

Handel never goes out of season, but this month is a good one for his rarer works. While Glyndebourne is giving his neglected opera *Rodelinda* an airing, for its annual presentation of one of the oratorios the Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music has dusted off *Athalia*. With its libretto taken from Racine's last play, the choice also reflects this year's festival theme of the French Baroque.

Athalia, Handel's first important oratorio, was probably the grandest music Oxford had ever heard when it was premiered there in 1733. Indeed it was for financial reasons that the composer turned from opera to oratorio. But ironically, *Athalia* is more dramatic than many of his stage works: the action is swept along as some numbers fuse into others, and the result is theatre in the mind's ear.

At least it could have been, but this performance by the St James' Baroque Players and the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, was a little driven. Slightly slower tempos from the conductor, Ivor Bolton, might have given the music more impact, and they would have helped ensemble too. But in the best moments Bolton drew a bright, lean sound from the orchestra, and allowed such limpid arias as Athalia's *Softest sounds* their full, beguiling measure.

The performance boasted a strong cast, though few were singing at the top of their form. Still, Lynne Dawson's rich, shining soprano made her a moving Athalia, and Christopher Robson caught the dignity of the high priest Joad. Nancy Argenta sang in bright but unforgiving tone as Josabeth and needed clearer words, though then she might have raised an inappropriate laugh with her *Blooming virgins* aria. Mark Padmore (Mathan) was strong, and Michael George had some authority as the Jewish commander Abner. The choir, which got to sing an earlier and less inspired *Hallelujah Chorus*, made a rich sound.

JOHN ALLISON

Boost for Bax

CONCERTS
BBCPO/Handley
Manchester

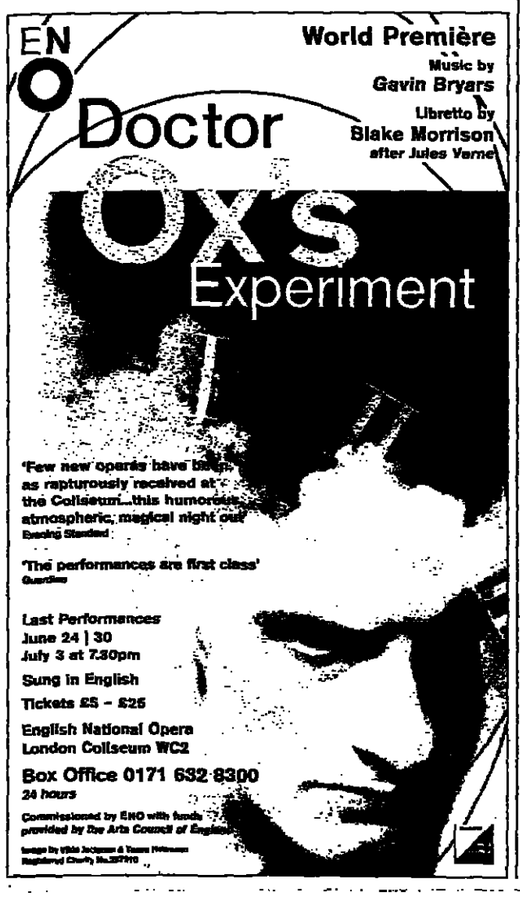
A composer of large-scale delusions and limited means, Bax must be treated with discretion and, though he scarcely deserves his present neglect, sparingly.

In Memoriam, written 82 years ago in memory of the Irish patriot Patrick Pearse and given its first performance here, was the most interesting of the three rare works presented by the BBC Philharmonic with Vernon Handley and two brave soloists in the Studio 7 concert hall in Manchester on Wednesday. The composer apparently made little effort to have it performed at the time: perhaps he thought it would be banned. And it might well have been since, as the recently rediscovered orchestral score confirms, it gives Pearse the full-scale heroic treatment. Admirers of David Lean's *Oliver Twist* will know the big tune which Bax recycled from *In Memoriam* for the most successful of his film scores in 1948. But there is also an attractive, poetically scored lyrical side to it which represents him at his best.

At his worst, for the Cheltenham Festival of 1949, Bax wrote his *Concertante for Piano* (left hand) and Orchestra. Though intended for a pianist he knew well — Harriet Cohen had damaged her right hand a year previously — it is extraordinarily unresourceful in its piano writing. The most effective passage in it is the beginning of the slow movement which indicates that he learnt something from Ravel's left-hand Concerto. Certainly, Margaret Fingerhut, the soloist on this occasion, found something to interest her here and made the most of the material.

The most fascinating aspect of *The Bard of Dimbovitza* is the question of how Bax could have lived with such depressingly bad verse long enough to have written five substantial orchestral songs on it. The texts are clumsy, coy and only partially comprehensible. The composer took them very seriously, however, and created music rather better than they deserve. Jean Rigby took them seriously too, and gave an appealingly positive account of them.

GERALD LARNER







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Polar bears in the desert

Julie Jensen, the author of this diverting piece, directs a playwriting programme at the University of Nevada in a city the programme rather happily calls Las Vagas. Happily, because the place seems even more askew than the Las Vegas I recall visiting some years ago. Then, there were churchlets offering à la carte marriages, but I can't recall one with a cowboy theme called the Hitching Post or a fake-Scots establishment called Wee Kirk o' the Heather. Welcome to Jensen's nutty Las Vagas.

Clearly she gets out of the classroom a fair amount. Her play is a travelogue of tat, an exercise in neon-and-desert picaresque linked by a narrator-participant called *Our Girl*

THEATRE
The Lost Vegas Series
Riverside

and performed with dry humour and an abundance of cynical, sideways glances by Margot Steinberg. Our Girl wears a variety of vests, denim jackets and leather skirts. Her father, whom we never meet, is dying of cancer. Her husband, also offstage, is a violent slob she cannot quite leave. She talks a lot of death.

One problem is that the character's background woes and upfront troubles lack substance. Another is the bizarre set. What impelled Christian Ruland, who designs, to think that furry white walls, furry white cubes with black spots on them, and furry white steering wheels would evoke the bustle and sleaze of the Vegas streets? I suppose thrift is a factor — but surely it would be cheaper to do action paintings on cardboard than stitch together loads of polar bear rugs? Still, the acting of Nomad Theatre and Theatre Pod, as Dawn Lintern's cast weirdly calls itself, is mostly sharp and funny.

I particularly enjoyed Steve Ellery as Sexy Guy, who steps from his auto, wearing a gold chain, a black bow-tie and little else, in order to rescue Our Girl, whose shoe is stuck in the boiling, melting Tarmac. His toothy grin and smug swagger come straight from Don Juan Industries or Seducers Inc. Before that, Our Girl foils a dwarfish truck driver intent on rape and the slimy owner of the Heather Kirk, who plans to marry her and then sue the casino in which she shoots herself. An encounter with a drag queen and a visit to the Liberace museum complete her journey.

The conclusion, which seems to be that Vegas or Vagas is greedy, bleak, garish, vulgar and uncaring, does not have great moral force. Jensen is not David Mamet nor the Sam Shepard who imaginatively creamed LA in *Angel City*. But she is deft, amusing and talented, and it would be nice to see more of her work over here.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MARILYN KINGWILL



Margot Steinberg (Our Girl) and Steve Ellery (Sexy Guy) in Julie Jensen's deftly amusing *The Lost Vegas Series*

Pinter capped by the Dutch

Ashes to Ashes/Buff
Maastricht

The Dutch theatre scene is a largely unknown quantity in Britain, but with the arrival in London tomorrow of Amsterdam's Toneelgroep courtesy of the heroic Offshore International Cultural Projects, plus two major productions by Flemish director Ivo Van Hove due at this year's Edinburgh Festival, all that looks set to change.

The choice of Harold Pinter's fragile, painfully precise chamber piece *Ashes to Ashes* might seem an odd one considering the Dutch aversion to text-based work, but it is performed in Dutch in Titus Muizelaar's production with such an eye for ambiguous emotional minutiae as to make perfect sense of this two-people-in-a-room scenario, as Pierre Bokma's Devlin gently prods Lineke Rijxman's Rebecca to spill the beans on a former lover.

After such civilised beauty and repressed undercurrents of violence, company director Gerardjan Rijnders's original work *Buff* is like a theatrical bomb going off. Here we find a hard-bitten theatre hack arriving home after a hard day's night to vent his considerable spleen on yet another poor unfortunate theatre company. Rather than put pen to paper, though, he lets rip with an expletive-ridden outburst on the impotence of the art form itself.

"Where is the drama?" he asks repeatedly of his own audience, while behind him a scene of grotesque debauchery is hilariously played out. The critic's neurotic, drink- sozzled spouse obsessively tidies up the debris scattered in the wake of her husband's rant, while their junkie son masturbates, messily injects himself, smashes the stereo, has sex with and then strangles his mother and smashes himself. All his father can manage is to tear up a copy of *The Times*.

But as the hack remains oblivious to the farcical real-life drama all around him, his linguistic bile is more carefully placed than it first appears. And it is here that pairing *Buff* with Pinter begins to make sense. Both plays take their conventions to the limit, so Pinter's minimalist veneer is just the other side of the coin to *Buff*'s outrageous histrionics. Performed in English at Maastricht's Theater Aan Het Vrijthof, Rijnders's production was a scatter-shot action painting that cut through the self-important pomp of highbrow high jinks with glorious abandon.

Titus Muizelaar, Lineke Rijxman and especially Fred Goessens gave unflinchingly no-holds-barred performances which in this country will undoubtedly get people's backs up.

NEIL COOPER

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Plenty of life in these old dogs

LIVE GIGS
Bob Dylan and Van Morrison
Newcastle

At a time of unlikely or unattractive pop pairings — Pavarotti and the Spice Girls, Billy Joel and Elton John, Keith Allen and Damien Hirst — a double bill of Bob Dylan and Van Morrison represents an intriguing alternative. Key figures in rock history they may be, but they also share a reputation as unpredictable live performers with a ruthless disdain for populist pleasures. True to form, neither was prepared to let the night degenerate into nostalgia at the Telewest Arena. Instead, in two long sets, they reworked their pasts.

Van Morrison shows no sign of mellowing. He still comes on like Mr Angry, his large dark suit tightly buttoned, sunglasses and fedora obscuring his face. His arms flap impatiently at his side; his fingers twitch and point as he conducts his seven-piece band. He barks out his lines, mangling syllables and petulantly repeating phrases. Yet despite this appearance of barely contained irritation, Morrison crafts music of extraordinary elegance and beauty.

From the opening *Days Like This* to the closing *Burning Ground*, Morrison and his band float along on the same distinctive mix of gospel and R'n'B, but still manage to find endless variations. *Moondance* is transformed into a jazz standard, *Cleaning Windows* into a jump blues. Best is a revamped *Tupelo Honey*, its joyous optimism tempered by Morrison's fiercely unsentimental delivery.

Dylan, too, refuses to indulge his past or his audience. There is a gleeful cheer from the crowd as *Forever Young* starts, but while the aching beauty of the melody is there, Dylan's cracked voice invests the songs with a new bleakness. The sweet bounce of *If Not For You* is replaced by a chugging riff worthy of the Velvet Underground. *Simple Twist of Fate* is narrated rather than sung; *Highway 61 Revisited* is dragged through a New Orleans swamp.

Dylan shows no sign of last year's heart trouble, nor any sign of slowing down. Instead, he acts like a rock guitarist, splaying his legs, bending his knees, as he reels off a series of solos. While they are only a couple of songs from the recent, much garlanded *Time Out of Mind*, his first album of original material since 1990, its raw approach is the model for this set. Each song is blasted along by Dylan and his four musicians. Even the Spanish-tinged acoustic interlude has the flintiness of sand caught on a gust of wind.

Dylan and Morrison may each be well over 50, but they seem to have no appetite for the heritage business. If the past is another country, they seem intent on invading it.

JOHN STREET

Still swinging

Julie Felix
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Under normal circumstances the sight of two dozen young earth mothers parading down the aisle, tossing flowers into the audience and singing the praises of those proto-feminists known as witches would be enough to have me scurrying for the exit. The finale of Julie Felix's show had all the makings of a Greenham Common reunion.

But birthday concerts are allowed to be self-indulgent, and in any case some of us were too busy grappling with the alarming thought that the American singer had turned 60 to worry about the occasional rough edge in the programme.

For those of us who only watched the Swinging Sixties on television, Felix served as the acceptable, mass market face of hippiedom. The resident folkie and social conscience on *The Frost Report*, she had slipped into the shadows by the end of the Seventies, moving to Scandinavia before setting up home again in this country.

David Frost himself was on hand to introduce his old friend. Thirty years on, Felix's voice sounds in remarkably good shape on her new album *Fire — My Spirit*, and apart from a hint of girlish nervousness in her introductions this was an equally confident solo performance, one which seemed to reduce the anonymous venue to the cosier dimensions of a Friday-night folk club, singalongs and all.

The songs drawing on her Latin American ancestry made a particularly strong impact, even allowing for the language barrier. An Afro-Cuban lament deployed atmospheric percussive touches, while the ballads *Las Mananitas* and *La Barca de Oro* offered touching tributes to the memory of Felix's late father. Nor could she miss the opportunity to revisit her cover version of *If I Could*.

That faithful anthem *The Times They Are A-Changin'* was bound to make an appearance sooner or later, but Felix was always veering off in other directions as she followed her own muse. Her haunting a cappella setting of Yeats's *The Song of Wandering Aengus* proved a case in point; Leonard Cohen's *Hey, That's No Way To Say Goodbye* was no less evocative.

The same could not be said of her bright-eyed tribute to New Zealand's anti-nuclear policy. If I hadn't known better, I would have said that this particular number came from the mischievous pen of the parodist Neil Innes. The audience joined in the chorus nonetheless; Felix's heart-on-sleeve sincerity is always hard to resist.

CLIVE DAVIS

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New Labour, just the same old dogma

Blunkett will wreck reforms in education, says **Tessa Keswick**

After the schmoozy *noises coming from* No 10 and the Department for Education and Employment about how schools standards were paramount, it is difficult not to be gobsmacked by their new education Bill.

The potential for damage to our education system from the *School Standards Bill has* been highlighted by the former Downing Street adviser Sean Williams in his pamphlet *Levelling Down*, which the Centre for Policy Studies has just published. The Bill, in effect, abolishes many of the successful reforms enacted by the Tories and re-comprehensives state education. The *Bill will extend the power of* local education authorities and government bureaucrats over state schools, placing a dead hand on diversity.

The changes will mean that, over time, most schools will be returned to the drab embrace of those who have repeatedly *failed the state school system.*

Two philosophies are in conflict here. The Conservatives, desperate to break the *disastrous comprehensive system*, believed in encouraging diversity, choice and accountability. With the help of Ofsted, failing schools were exposed and could be helped. Tests and league tables obliged schools to raise their game.

Now the clock is being turned back. Old Labour believes *that bureaucrats* and politicians should deliver a system based on equality of outcomes. All schools, except possibly for a handful of "specialist" ones, must offer the same standardised education. No child can be allowed to go to a school which might be better than the one next door, otherwise it is "unfair".

The philosophy of old Labour permeates every page of the *Standards Bill. Even in the* smallest things, the emphasis *is on conformity. For example*, schools will lose their ability to define their special character by embodying it in individual articles. These will be abolished and replaced by centrally dictated "instruments of government", further reducing any hope of diversity.

Worse still, LEAs will control funding, staffing, the implementation of class sizes, and early education. Having served as an adviser at the old Department of Education and seen how *inefficiently LEAs* operate, I know this will be *hugely costly.*

The Bill will also allow LEAs greater control over admissions to all schools. This will limit choice and centres of excellence will be reduced because there will be no proper selection. Ten per cent of pupils may be admitted to pursue certain specialisms but no interviews by heads are *permitted other than in exceptional circumstances.*

The capacity of parents to send their children to schools *which are not in their own* neighbourhood is one of the most effective engines of improvement. Competition raises standards. Although David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, says he stands by agreements that allow children such as those of the Prime Minister and Harriet Harman to cross educational boundaries, other tortuous directions in the guidance indicate that preference *will* be given to local children.

Diversity and choice are *damaged in other ways.* Grant-maintained schools have been renamed foundation schools, but the change is more than cosmetic. Their powers will be significantly circumscribed. Children from poorer families will be denied access to private schools *through the abolition of assisted places.*

The most cruel and deceptive new diktat in the Bill, however, puts a question mark over the future of religious schools. These excellent institutions — representing 25 per cent of all the schools — will have to have their religious admissions agreed by the *LEAs every year. They have* maintained a consistently *high standard largely because* the State has not been able to *interfere with them. Now* secularists will be handed the opportunity to change their religious character and teaching methods. Given the strong bias I have witnessed in favour of secular education among the educational establishment, this must put a question mark over the future of such schools.

> The most cruel and deceptive new diktat threatens religious schools

Can Mr Blair realise what is happening? The Prime Minister sends his children across a boundary to the London Oratory School, one of the best in the country. He knows the value of a good school. The excellent head at the London Oratory, John McIntosh, has fought for years to protect the religious character of his school. As a grant-maintained institution, he has had the freedom to teach children languages, including Latin and Greek, and he has been able to develop sports and music. These freedoms are under threat. Can Mr Blair be aware of all the devils in the detail of this Bill? Apparently not. A member of the No 10 think-tank with responsibilities for education was known to be desperately asking to be briefed on the Bill and its associated documents last week.

Except for a few enthusiasts, many people have neglected to familiarise themselves with the detail of this important subject, and the official document makes the intentions deliberately obscure.

Unfortunately old Labour is getting away from under the Prime Minister's gaze. Mr Blunkett has known old Labour views and, for all his talk of "partnership", must know that you cannot ride two horses at the same time. The real question is: "Who runs the schools?" This time Mr Blunkett has been able to pull a fast one, with the assistance of the Machiavellian DfEE, which is ruthless in its determination to return to a full comprehensive system.

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Blair may have a certain Platonic glamour — but my money is still on Hague when the going gets tough

Plato v Aristotle: the vote is yours

Apart from luck, there are three qualities a politician needs for success: willpower, intelligence and public appeal. After more than a year in office, we can assess Tony Blair on these qualities as *Prime Minister*. After a year as Leader of the Opposition, we can *begin to assess* William Hague as the leader of his party. On popularity polls, the Prime Minister is still way ahead, but the next election is still three years off, and the relatively easy post-election period may be coming to an end.

No one becomes leader of a major party without willpower, but that is a *complex characteristic, and no two* party leaders or Prime Ministers have had it in the same way, or to the same degree. Of the postwar Prime Ministers, Attlee had a dogged, low-key willpower, which he employed not so much for his own sake as for that of his party. *Churchill had the* superb will of a great war leader, a *man who had successfully carried the* heaviest responsibility. Anthony Eden, sensitive, charming, brave, did not have the type of will a Prime Minister needs. He was weakened by his nervous temperament and his ill-health. Suez destroyed him.

Harold Macmillan's willpower was dominant in becoming Prime *Minister, against Rab Butler, and in* the period of Tory recovery down to *his election victory in 1959. After re-*election, old age, problems of health and his lack of new policies made him much less dominant. Harold Wilson was a political gamesman rather than a dominant leader; from 1970 onwards, his willpower was undermined by ill-health, and by his own sense of the decline of his *abilities. Ted Heath was, and is, a* man of strong will. Jim Callaghan had a bluff strength of manner, but one could sometimes sense his inner *insecurities.*

Margaret Thatcher, in terms of willpower, was one of the most powerful leaders: her sense of dominance grew until it became too much for her own party. This feminine *strength of will will again be impor*tant in the future of British history; it has already propelled Ann Widdecombe into the Shadow Cabinet. John Major could have been another Attlee; he, too, used his will for his party as much as for himself, but he lacked that "eye of the eagle" which holds colleagues in awe.

As Leader of the Opposition, Tony Blair tested himself against old Labour, and destroyed the left wing of his party. He went on to destroy the Conservative Party at the election. If there are still doubts about his position in the scale of willpower, that is partly because he has not yet been fully tested by adverse events as *Prime Minister, and partly because* he is so likeable a man to the public. *Anthony Eden won a spectacular* election victory in 1955. Yet when the Suez crisis occurred, the most charming, moderate and idealistic of Conservative leaders was unable to master it. Tony Blair is stronger than Eden, but his gifts of insight and sympathy could deprive him of the brutal force of will which belongs to the strongest Prime Ministers.

William Hague has started in a *very dark period for his party. In* his first year there have been few shafts of sunlight across the coffin; the corpse has hardly stirred. Sensibly, he has done what he could do, by reorganising his party, and been prepared to wait for opportunities. He has, however, won the battle *of Prime Minister's* Questions, though most newspapers nowadays under-report parliamentary performance. Political and football reporting have moved in the same direction; activities off the field make the front page, but the score in the match itself can almost pass unnoticed. My own judgment is that

William Rees-Mogg

Hague's willpower is strong, and that *he has the physical stamina which is* so necessary to support it.

There is a sense in which politicians do not need to be too intelligent; the only Prime Minister of this century who was a first-class intellectual was Arthur Balfour. He failed as Prime Minister, though he was a successful minister, both before and afterwards. What *is needed is a good* practical mind. Here, Tony Blair and *William Hague both qualify, but in* very different ways. Tony Blair is part the man of business, part artist. William Hague is part the man of business, part analyst.

One could put it in terms of the *barristers of the turn of the century*, when Reading Gaol or Dartmoor was the prospect if one was sentenced to penal servitude, and the gallows if one was sentenced to death. Marshall Hall's successful peroration in a murder case — "Gentleman of the jury, God never gave this woman a chance. Will you?" — is well within Tony Blair's *rhetorical range. On the* other hand, if, like so many Edwardi*an company promoters*, one wanted to be acquitted on the charge of watering the company's stock, William Hague would be the better choice to guide the jury through the balance sheet.

Francis Bacon once wrote that everyone was naturally either a Platonist, delighting in synthesis, or *an Aristotelian, rigorous in analysis.* Tony Blair is a natural Platonist, a broad generaliser; William Hague is an Aristotelian. There is a certain comfort and glamour in Platonic generalisations; Aristotle confronted in detail the rocky nature of the real world. In public speeches, the Platonic style could be more attractive, but parliamentary debate is essentially Aristotelian. Indeed, all debate is *based on Aristotelian logic.*

In history, the great political fig*ures have combined both attributes*, but one is usually predominant. Gladstone had an almost ideal balance between broad ideas and detailed argument. Disraeli was *much more of a Platonist*; his ideas were fascinating and exciting, but he was less effective in working them out. The solid statesmen who survive longest in politics tend to be about one third Plato, two thirds Aristotle; that seems to be the balance of William Hague's mind. Tony Blair is the opposite; his mind is at least two thirds Platonic.

One leading Labour figure holds *the view* that William Hague is probably the best leader the Tories could have chosen, that he is not the man for the present public mood, but that there will be a time when they will want him. That is a plausible forecast. He started at a bad time for his party. He reacted calmly. He has not tried to dash ahead of the public *mood, but has run a waiting race.* No opportunity to break through has yet presented itself. He looks to have the necessary stamina for the long term.

Tony Blair is in the opposite position. He still has an immense lead in the polls, and has much the greater public charm. He is *liked and trusted, even by* Conservative voters, and deserves to be. *He has two great strengths*, his intuitive feeling for public opinion *and the ability to realise very broad* ideas. Each man is a good example of two very different types of politician. Tony Blair is the romantic lead; William Hague, though young, is the anchorman.

If events give him an opening, Hague will take it. Tony Blair can probably lock him out for an election, perhaps for two, but Hague remains a formidable leader of a badly *defeated party. He has a certain* Yorkshire grit about him which could make him a reassuring figure to turn to in worse times than those Britain now enjoys.

Down to earth with a bump

Mr Brown's cherished soft landing is in peril, says **Peter Riddell**



The new Labour re-election strategy is in danger of going awry. The Blair Government's smooth progress is being disturbed in classic fashion by unwelcome economic news. Blairite *ministers and advisers are becoming* worried.

The original plot — and new Labour strategists always talk in terms of a narrative — centred on avoiding the troubles which beset the last two Labour Governments. The watchword was prudence. Few commitments were made before the election. In office, Labour would make an absolute priority of showing that it could govern and manage the economy responsibility, while delivering identifiable improvements in a few key areas such as health and education. *All this was intended to* produce the happy ending of re-election for a second full term rather than the tears, and defeats, of 1970 *and 1979.*

The story has appeared to be going to plan. In contrast to the sharp increases in public spending after 1964 and 1974, Gordon Brown's pre-election promise to stick to inherited Tory plans for two years has worked well. In 1997-98, spending turned out to be £3 billion less than planned, in part because of a hiatus in Whitehall before and after the election. Mr Brown has also proposed a stable long-term monetary and fiscal framework.

Mr Brown's hope has been that the combination of higher interest rates, introduced by the operationally independent Bank of England, and a tightening in fiscal policy, would be sufficient to produce a benign economic outcome. Only ten days ago, the Treasury forecast a slowdown in growth from more than 3 per cent last year to 1.75 per cent this year, before *returning to 2 per cent or more from* next year onwards. So there should be no recession.

However, as so often in the past, the economy is proving to be harder to manage than politicians hope. Small policy adjustments are seldom enough: booms are hard to check, and the results are more painful. In retrospect, both Mr Brown and the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee failed last year to tighten policy as quickly and by as much as they *should have done.*

Mr Brown should have raised taxes directly on consumers, possibly via VAT, to cool the overheated domestic economy he inherited. This would have been far better than his ill-judged tax on pension funds. Moreover, the evenly balanced debates on the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee may have delayed necessary increases in interest rates.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

The Bank's unexpected decision to raise rates earlier this month was followed last week by worrying statistics showing that both wages and prices are rising faster than is compatible with the official inflation target, while spending in shops remains strong. These figures may in part be exceptional, reflecting one-off bonus payments and Budget measures, while evidence is already appearing of a slowdown, not just in *hard-pressed manufacturing, but* also in the housing market. Yet even allowing for these factors, finance and other services remain buoyant and underlying inflation, particularly the growth of private sector earnings, is too high.

City markets have now turned gloomy and are expecting a further *rise in interest rates in just over a* fortnight. This has led to a strengthening in sterling — already at too high a level, as Eddie George, the Bank Governor, conceded yesterday — further increasing pressures on businesses operating in world markets. A growing shadow is also cast by the Asian financial crisis, and the latest worries over the Japanese economy and financial system — even though, barring catastrophe, the direct effects on Britain should be limited.

So instead of the soft landing *predicted by Mr Brown, fears are* growing that the economy may be heading for a recession, with unemployment and inflation still above target. The word "stagflation" is being used again. Neither Mr Brown, still confidently, nor Mr George, with a hint of doubt, thinks this will happen. They believe that we *are now just in an awkward transi*tional phase. But the economy is officially admitted to be at a critical point.

A recession could jeopardise Mr Brown's public spending plans. He has already taken some risks with his "prudent" image. His new plans represent a slight relaxation of fiscal policy compared with the March Budget and depend heavily on a continuation of economic growth. Overall spending is planned to rise by 2.75 per cent annually in real terms over the next three years, faster than expected economic expansion, and more than the Bank's policymak*ers had assumed. This is partly* because of the failure of the compre*hensive spending review to achieve a* substantial shift between departments, such as from Welfare to Education. Nonetheless, this rate of spending growth is not as rapid as in the early 1990s, let alone the 1970s, and does not yet justify the charge of profligacy being made by the Tories. Public finances and debt levels should remain healthy, by both historic and international standards. But Mr Brown has little freedom of manoeuvre. A recession could lead to a rapid deterioration, with spending and borrowing rising rapidly, as *happened in the early 1990s.*

Political effects could be very serious. Rising unemploy*ment could fuel existing* signs of disillusion with the Blair Government in Labour's heartlands, aggravating its already serious problems in Scotland. It could also jeopardise Mr Brown's cherished Welfare to Work programme, since employers will be reluctant to take on less qualified young and long-term unemployed if they are laying off other workers. Moreover, there may be less scope to increase spending on schools and the NHS.

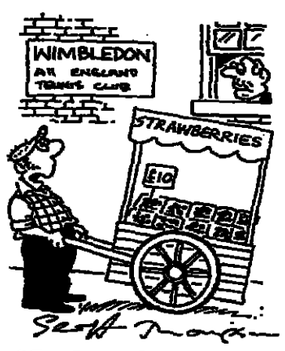
While the pendulum of fashionable opinion may have swung too far in *the direction of gloom*, the risks of a serious downturn have undoubtedly increased. Such a hard landing would not only make Mr Brown regret his frequent claims to have ended stop-go. It would also undoubtedly mark the ending of new Labour's honeymoon with the public.

Topping time

NO 10 is to be turned into the Drones Club. Tony Blair, a lifelong fan of P.G. Wodehouse, wants to invite fellow disciples, including Stephen Fry, Ned Sherrin and Lord Lloyd-Webber, to a party at Downing Street to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the topper's birth. The Prime Minister joined the P.G. Wodehouse Society as a patron three years ago, after he had admitted *his* affection for the fearsome women, feckless young *men* and genial old duffers that people Plum's books. Now Richard Morris, the society's founder, says the Downing Street diary is being scanned for a suitable date.

The bash promises to be a ripper. Other plum-pickers include John *Mortimer, Griff Rhys Jones*, Sir Richard Scott, Tom Sharpe and Auberon Waugh, but I trust they will model their behaviour on the unflappable Jeeves, rather then Gussie Fink-Nottle. Bingo Little and the other reprobates that Bertie *Wooster hangs out with at the* Drones. Their club pastimes include attempting to hit a game pie in the next room with six consecutive bread rolls (record held by Horace Pendlebury-Davenport) and using brazil nuts and a catapult to knock the top hats off people walking down the street. Not really John Prescott's scene.

● *THE nation's schoolgirls mourn. Since the Spice Girls lost Geri Halliwell, aka Ginger Spice, the London Toy and Model Museum has been besieged with offers for its Ginger Spice doll. More than 400 fans have called, some touting "substantial sums", but the museum has yet to crack. Cash in now.*



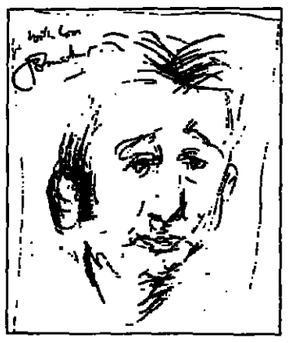
"Can I come in? I've got my own racket"

Shock tactics

IS Britain still selling "electric shock batons" to dodgy dictators? That self-styled Mr Ethics, Robin Cook, seems keen to avoid answering the question. Matthew Taylor, the Lib Dem MP for Truro and St Austell, has been writing to the Foreign Secretary for more than a year, asking if he has approved export licences. Taylor was batted between the FO and the DTI before receiving a response from Lord Clinton-Davis, the Trade Minister — saying he *didn't* know. Apparently, there are "difficulties" with the Government's arms database, set up to log the nasty implements.

If Alan Clark or Jonathan Aitken had been so economical with such information, would not Mr Cook have been a little suspicious?

● *DAVID SUCHET, who gained televisual regard depicting Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot, turned down a part playing John Profumo after "consulting his faith". I now learn that Suchet shied away from the role accepted by Sir Ian McKellen in* Scandal, *an account of the minister's fall from grace in the Sixties. "I really went into deep prayer and thought about it," he reflects. "I felt it was wrong to bring it all up again. It meant turning my back on a very high-profile role." "And", he adds wistfully, "a whole wad of money."*



Cloth of gold

JOHN HURT displayed no such scruples playing Stephen Ward in the same film. But has he missed his vocation? Hurt, a boulevardier who went to art school before switching to RADA, has taken to decorating tablecloths late in the evening. He was dining in Kensington when Patrick French, the author, popped over. As they chatted, Hurt scribbled (left). "He did a rather good picture of me," says French. "At the end of the evening we had to ask the waitress to turn away while we stole the tablecloth. I now own an original Hurt. I'm going to hang it in my loo."

● *THE All-Britain Nettle Eating Champion of 1998 has just been anointed. Tim Beer munched his way through 26ft of stinging nettles in Dorset. Sounds like Diary Towers cuisine.*

Dark mystery

AS THE intrigue continues at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, after the departure of the Principal, Sir Stephen Tumim, Latin scholars puzzle over the inscription that Geoffrey Bourne-Taylor, the vainglorious bursar, has written on his own memorial at the college. The slab of stone, which the Tumim household called "the patio", and which a student cuttingly refers to as "great for a barbecue", bears lines from the Horace Ode to *Pyrrha* ("a red-head"). They are rather saucy, translating as: "What young man drenched in liquid perfumes is making love to you in your rose garden? For whom do you tie up your black hair?". Horace originally wrote to a gingery type. So why has the bursar changed the colour of the woman's hair to black? I am assured that Mrs Bourne-Taylor has hair of a dusky hue.

JASPER GERARD





MELANIE SYKES, the model, TV presenter and flake-fancier, hides a guilty secret: a unique passion for Richard Madeley, the male half of those celebrity marrieds Richard and Judy. "I find him very attractive," she purrs. "It's not like I want to *do* it with him," she adds, clearly flustered, "I just like that straight way he has." Don't tell Judy.

EUROPE'S MARBLES

Bloomsbury is where the Marbles began to speak to the world

This Friday, the British Museum will open new galleries intended to deepen understanding of its most dramatic and inspiring treasure, the great processional frieze from the Parthenon. To the aesthetic thrill of sculptures that, in Hazlitt's words, seem composed not of cold marble but of "the same soft and flexible materials as the human body" will be added insights, through a scale model of the 5th century BC Acropolis and other exhibits, into the world for which Phidias and his colleagues carved them.

This alignment of scholarship and public education to aesthetics is in the proudest tradition of the British Museum; it is also peculiarly appropriate to the Marbles themselves. For ever since their arrival in this country, the Elgin Marbles have had a dual role, visual and imaginative, in the reawakening of Europe's sense of its common classical roots. It is a conjunction of the living asethetic and scholarly excitement that makes this pageant in honour of Athena unique — and by the same token, beyond the calls or claims of the merely national. Sculpted to honour a goddess no longer worshipped, they have become symbols of man's redemptive reverence for Wisdom.

Inevitably, though, the new Parthenon galleries will be used as one more excuse to beat the old drum of cultural sovereignty. Demands to "restore" to Greece the 60 per cent of the frieze in the British Museum's possession date back to Byron — and until recent years, have been orchestrated not by Greeks but by Britons caught up in Byron's own Romantic passion for the isles "where grew the arts of war and peace". To this Romantic rationale was added, after the Second World War, a variant on fashionable post-colonial guilt. According to this, the Marbles, whose acquisition in fact cost Lord Elgin some £2.5 million in today's money and double what the British Museum paid him for them, were looted with the connivance of the colonising Ottoman power.

The argument over legal title is easily disposed of; but it is not, and should not be, central. Nor, today, should be the acknowledged truth that, despite Lord Duveen's scandalous design of scraping off their patina 60 years ago, the British Museum has taken better care of its 60 per cent of the frieze than the Greeks have of the close to 40 per cent remaining in Athens. As Greek ministers themselves recognise, many more people see the Marbles in London than ever would in Athens. But it may be true that the new museum being built on the south side of the Acropolis would be capable of protecting the sculptures from the Greek capital's notoriously corrosive pollution, even if, as we reported on June 19, the archaeological corners that are being cut in digging its foundations suggest that Greece still has much to learn about conservation.

The aesthetic case for restitution, made by Louis de Bernières in *The Times* on Saturday, is, however, thin; on view in Athens, the Marbles would be invisible from the Parthenon. Were aesthetics paramount, the solution would be to employ the laser technology developed by Merseyside museum conservators, which can produce perfect replicas without touching originals. Once the Parthenon itself, now sealed off for restoration to undo the damage done by iron supports inserted in 1900, has been stabilised, copies of the frieze could be returned to its walls.

There remains the argument — a modification of the Byronic theme — that the Elgin Marbles are uniquely important to Greece's rediscovery, after centuries of foreign occupation, of its ancient heritage. Modern Greece does not have sole claim to the legacy of 5th century Athens or to the pan-European Hellenism that followed. The Parthenon's role in the rebirth of Greek ideals dates from the first display of the Elgin Marbles in London in 1807. This reactivated an international enthusiasm for all things Greek which continues to this day. It was in London that the Marbles came into their cultural heritage. The Elgin Marbles are central to the rebirth of classical Greece through foreign eyes. They are indeed unique — uniquely the common property of Western civilisation. It is the British Museum which made them so; and it is within its halls, open to mankind, that they should remain.

COMING OUT FOR CHANGE

The age of homosexual consent should now shift to 16

It is 33 years since Viscount Montgomery of Alamein rose in the House of Lords to oppose the legalisation of homosexuality. The former Field Marshal noted that the practice might be acceptable in France but was alien to this country. That was because, he bellowed, "We are British, thank God!".

Today the House of Commons will consider an amendment to the Crime and Disorder Bill that would render the age of heterosexual and homosexual consent equal at 16. The House is likely to decide by a large margin that such a change should be made. This will entrench what has been a seismic shift in the law.

When this issue was last raised, four years ago, MPs altered the position that had stood since 1967. They determined that the age of homosexual consent should be fixed at 18. They did not standardise matters at 16. This was a compromise that infuriated activists at both ends of the spectrum. It was a middle course that *The Times* supported. We argued then that a sudden switch from 21 to 16 would not carry a sufficiently large proportion of the public with it. We observed that nothing would prevent Parliament from returning to the question when it saw fit.

That moment has now arrived. It has done so somewhat faster than might be thought ideal. A slightly longer transition period might have produced a broader consensus. Although the voices raised in opposition have not been numerous, they have been weighty. The fears expressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury reflect the principled unease of a significant section of society.

Many of those who counsel caution are motivated not by prejudice but concern for the vulnerable. They are also moved by a regard for the gift of sexual love as an instrument not just of pleasure but a sacramental act of human creation which is diminished when seen in a purely hedonistic light. But, although it would be wrong to dismiss all concerns as no more than medieval fears, the case for enshrining equality in law is now convincing.

Many fears were raised in 1994. There is no evidence, however, that young people have changed their sexual orientation merely as a result of parliamentary permission to engage in legal homosexual activity at an earlier age. There has not been a new public health crisis as a result. None of this should be considered surprising. The setting of 21 as the legal age of consent did not prevent thousands of young men from discovering their homosexuality and seeking partners before that point. The law simply forced them to conduct such relationships in a surreptitious manner. This sometimes exposed them to a dubious underworld.

There are legitimate worries about the dangers of Aids and exploitation. But ministers have now signalled that steps will be taken to prevent abuses of trust, or authority, whether in heterosexual or homosexual relationships.

With due respect to the spirit of Lord Montgomery, this is a reform for which the British are now ready. In 1994, weeks of passionate debate preceded Edwina Currie's attempt to lower the age of homosexual consent from 21 to 16. The temperature is cooler now. The discussion has taken on a much calmer tone. This suggests that the House of Commons was right to travel towards a single age of consent in stages. Individuals will always differ in their attitudes on this subject. But in a pluralist society, the statute book should not make such distinctions.

MILK AND WATER PAGANISM

The Druids returning to Stonehenge practise an empty ritual

For a country whose mackintoshes still drip in the hall, and which is accustoming itself to the first proper rays of seasonal sun, the thought that Midsummer's Day has already passed will seem an observation out of time. But of all the curious chronological quirks of this summer solstice, none is odder than the return of the Druids to Stonehenge. In an increasingly secular age the embrace of paganism is an oddity in itself. But what is odder still is the Druids' decision to practise an anaemic form of their pagan faith.

If one is to risk ridicule by donning the cerulean robes of those sages who sat beneath the spreading oak then it seems curiously timorous to practise a milk and water version of that distinctly sanguinary religion. The ancient Druids of Britain and Gaul practised human sacrifice and celebrated the pomp of bloody altars. Their modern heirs restrict their violent and offensive atrocities to banging gongs at dawn. This Druidism-Lite may be appropriate for the risk-averse citizens of a filtered, low-cal and decaffeinated civilisation.

But if Druidism is to make converts from those alienated by the urban conformity of modern British life, can it do so by capering in sheets alone? Something of the power of the dreadful past must infuse the rituals of those who would derive strength from the hidden ways of old Albion. Otherwise they will be dismissed as superficial suburbanites playing at paganism.

It is not as though today's Druids lack for examples. One of the most unjustly neglected masterpieces of postwar British film, Robin Hardy's *The Wicker Man*, chillingly recreates the power of ceremonial immolation as a necessary part of paganism. In *The Prelude*, Wordsworth's youthful imagination was engaged by the thought of his ancestors meeting such an incendiary end:

"It is the sacrificial altar, fed
With living men — how deep the groans! the voice
Of those that crowd the giant wicker thrills
The monumental hillocks".

Today's Druids may shrink from blood sacrifice as inappropriate to the age, and offensive to morality. But then they must allow the rest of the nation to see them as windy poseurs who wish to claim some of the mystique of pagan glamour without having courage to enact what they pretend to have as convictions. Real paganism was brutal and bloody. And if the prancing on Stonehenge serves any purpose it should incline us to a proper gratitude for the protection of Christian civilisation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cause and effect of poor productivity

From Mr John Crowley

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky ("Britain isn't managing", June 18) has highlighted a problem but not, I believe, correctly identified the cause. It is not the quality of management so much as a business and economic ethos which is dominated by "short-termism".

The origin is not difficult to understand against a background of the postwar years, with boom and bust swings, high inflation, economic instability and the emphasis on individualism encouraged by Margaret Thatcher.

Modern management doctrine does little to help. Often self-defined, ill-considered and short-term target attainment is the driving force, to the detriment of longer-term, more durable business consolidation and growth.

The customer is seen only as the source of this year's profits. This has led to increasing government regulation to protect the consumer, which might not have arisen had suppliers taken a longer view of the importance of customer respect, as in the US and Germany, for example.

I have recently been involved in modernising a property in the UK and in a major yacht refit in the US, in each case subcontracting to numerous small specialists. I was repeatedly let down and "ripped off" in the UK, but the co-operation and quality of work in the US were outstanding.

Yours etc,
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June 18.

From Mr Clive Bone

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky is absolutely right in his analysis of poor UK productivity growth. Too few organisations use value management, statistical process control, benchmarking or other approaches that deliver world-class performance. Too few empower their workforce in a culture of change to secure better value for the customer. In short, too few managements really know how to improve productivity.

Mr Kaletsky calls on Labour to take action. A useful start might be select committee hearings to help understand the problem.

Yours faithfully,
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June 19.

From Mr Neil Datson

Sir, In making another attack on Britain's managers Anatole Kaletsky is shooting at an easy target.

My own industry, pig farming, does not invest enough. But if a qualified Dane, 25 years old, has saved £50,000, he or she will easily find a bank prepared to lend £500,000 to invest on 30-year terms. Banks in this country would probably not go beyond £25,000, and that as an overdraft repayable on demand.

I see no reason to doubt that, while extreme, this example is typical of the differences between Britain and her competitors. British managers are forced to think short term by a business culture that is not in their control.

At the same time, of course, they have to pay more. Managers of primary and manufacturing businesses have to compete for staff with a still buoyant service sector, for whose benefit the economy is being managed.

And as for Thatcherite "deregulation", what a scream! Mr Kaletsky is welcome to my in-tray.

Yours faithfully,
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June 18.

From Mr C. E. H. Morris, FEng

Sir, Most employees are aware of the importance of their company's productivity, for both its and their future. In some cases, lack of improvement reflects a lack of confidence in top management.

In several studies, including those carried out by the Royal Academy of Engineering, companies with a successful track record have successful procedures for maintaining sound communications with the workforce, with that end in view.

Yours sincerely,
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June 19.

No money go round

From Dr Jonathan Tuliani

Sir, The Royal Mint should be praised for its choice of a scientific theme for the design of the new two-pound coin (photograph, June 15). However, the 19 cogs depicted on the reverse are configured in such a manner that they cannot turn.

Perhaps the euro will work a little better?

Yours faithfully,
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Concern about modifying our food

From Ms Susan J. A. James

Sir, Mr A. J. Dilley (letter, June 13) is mistaken when he asserts: "Mankind has been genetically modifying food organisms since the dawn of agriculture."

Genes are blueprints, carrying information for proteins, which constitute the structures and functions of any organism. Nature has preserved tight controls over these proteins. For example, leaf-specific proteins do not appear in fruit, and liver functions are not found in the brain.

In contrast, genetic engineering allows the isolation, cutting, joining and transfer of single or multiple genes between unrelated organisms, producing combinations of genes that would not occur naturally. It is assumed that a foreign gene, once introduced into a host, will behave as it does in its native environment; but there may often be an unpredictable disturbance in both host genetic function and that of the introduced gene.

Those who press forward with the commercial development of genetic modification are taking the plunge. For the moment, I prefer to keep my feet on *terra firma*.

Yours faithfully,
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June 14.

From Mrs Iris G. Shanahan, National Chairman of the Townswomen's Guilds

Sir, I would like to applaud the Prince of Wales for entering the debate on genetically modified food (reports, June 8 and 9; letters, June 13). We have been campaigning for four years, educating our members and urging caution.

Whilst the long-term nature of BSE provides a useful comparison for the potential effect of GM foods, other examples from the not too distant past alert us to the possibility of long-term effects. Have we really forgotten the disaster of the build-up of DDT insecticide in the food chain?

It is being suggested that any possible cross-fertilisation of GM herbicides into the indigenous weed population can be dealt with by stronger chemicals; however, we are already experiencing acute problems in the human population with bacterial drug resistance. What is the danger of a similar problem occurring in plants?

Demand for full information and labelling of products is part of our concern. People can feel powerless against the might of multinational corporations dictating the content of our daily bread; however, if the Government and European bodies force manufacturers to label products fully, the power of choice can be deployed by everyone.

Women especially want information about the food they are feeding their children and families, which may have a long-term effect on our environment.

Yours sincerely,
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June 15.

Support for Hague's view on euro

From Lord Tebbit, CH

Sir, Peter Riddell believes that the "principled Hague could find himself in anti-euro isolation" (your headline, June 18).

How can a politician be isolated when he is saying the things on Europe which are believed by the majority of the population in every poll which is taken?

We all know Mr Riddell is a devoted Europhile, but he should not let his Europhile dreams predominate over the Eurosceptic facts of British public opinion.

Yours faithfully,
TEBBIT,
House of Lords.
June 18.

From Dr Julian Lewis, MP for New Forest East (Conservative)

Sir, Try as he may to complicate the issue, Peter Riddell cannot escape the fact that British public opinion is overwhelmingly hostile to the euro.

Between May 28 and June 3, Gallup asked a thousand voters: "If there were a referendum on whether or not to abolish the pound in favour of a single European currency, would you vote yes or no?"

Whilst 33 per cent answered "Yes", 65 per cent answered "No" and 2 per cent were undecided. Conservative voters opposed the euro by 76 per cent to 23 per cent, Labour voters by 58 per cent to 39 per cent and Liberal Democrat voters by 65 per cent to 33 per cent — the same as the overall average.

This shows that pro-EMU politicians are pressing ahead in defiance of the will of a heavy majority of their own party supporters. Opponents of this dangerous and undemocratic policy will be ensuring that the views of the ignored majority are properly publicised and represented in the press and Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN LEWIS,
House of Commons.
June 18.

Extremist vocabulary

From Mr Richard Blackford

Sir, Your leading article today, "Terror in Kosovo", makes just comment on the manipulation of terminology for terrorists, guerrillas and fighters. But is it not time that you set an example by abandoning the revolting term "ethnic cleansing"? There is nothing "clean" about ethnic cleansing, nor anything "pure" about racial purification.

Terminology and its linguistic associations do shape our perceptions of world events. An ethnic violation, displacement, isolation or massacre should be called such. The word pogrom, mostly associated with the annihilation of Russians and Jews, is a more appropriate description of Mr Milosevic's recent behaviour.

Yours sincerely,
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June 18.

All revealed

From Mr Alan McLoughlin

Sir, At the risk of seeming "crass", "ungentlemanly" or just plain "vulgar" I do not mind revealing to Bill Frost (article, "Money — the last social taboo", June 19) that four years into my new career as a language teacher I am in receipt of some £17,037 pa.

Nor does my wife mind admitting that as a midwife of some 30 years' experience she earns £16,410.

I trust that these indiscreet revelations have not induced feelings of resentment or jealousy in any barristers, futures traders, or even, dare I say, journalists who might happen to read them.

Yours faithfully,
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Smooth men

From Mr Allen Brown

Sir, Gentlemen having difficulty ironing their shirts (article, "Science proves men can't iron", June 16) may care to be guided by the following, which I recall from my naval days:

First the collar, then the cuff,
Then the front, and that's enough.

Yours faithfully,
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June 16.

From Mrs Sara Mason

Sir, I totally disagree with Jason Cowley that men are unable to iron properly. My man certainly can. Before he retired from the bench, he used to iron his shirts and starch his bands. The Old Bailey never had a smarter nor more crease-free judge.

Yours thankfully,
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June 17.

From Major T. A. E. Gibson, RA (retd)

Sir, Forgive my poor handwriting: I'm laughing too much!

Men can't iron? Twice a week I complete a voluntary morning stint in the back of a local charity shop, when I do the ironing which the ladies (the majority of the voluntary staff) prefer not to do. They like the glamour of the cash till, selling and chatting.

I spent some of 1941 in the Infantry as a batman and as a latrine orderly. Perhaps that's why I do the ironing at the shop, and at home, where I also do the Hoovering and the washing-up, and other chores.

My wife (and Commanding Officer) does not know I've written to you.

I am, Sir, your, and others',
obedient servant,
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From Mrs Shirley Kirby

Sir, I wash my husband's shirts. I iron them badly. Result: misery.

I wash my husband's shirts. He irons them. Result: happiness.

Yours faithfully,
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Clearer future for the Arts Council

From the Chair of the Yorkshire and Humberside Arts Board

Sir, Mary Allen is just plain wrong in her article on your Arts pages ("Cut the penpushers, not the artists", June 17; see also report, June 18) about the new composition of the Arts Council, and especially in her wish to reduce the number of regions within a centralised system.

She says there is "enormous friction" between the regions and the centre. It is true that there was when she was chief executive; but there is no such friction today under her successor, Peter Hewitt, who had a long and successful spell in charge of the Northern Arts Board before coming to London.

The smaller board of the Arts Council will employ fewer "penpushers" in London than it did in her day; far more decisions about arts in the regions will be taken at the point of delivery; and the regional arts boards will be freer to work with local councils and the new regional development associations to help promote the cultural industries right across the country. Under Ms Allen's scheme the latter would be impossible.

Thirty years ago Arnold Goodman (with a little help from Jennie Lee) trebled the Arts Council budget by intelligent and persistent lobbying. Now that the chairman, Gerry Robinson, is free to concentrate his energies on more ways of spending public money on the arts, he may have some chance of winning real increases in resources for the whole system.

Yours truly,
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June 18.

From the Chief Executive of the London Arts Board

Sir, Is Mary Allen really suggesting that local authorities, from Brent to Berwick-upon-Tweed, should be required to liaise with an Arts Council office in Newcastle on visual arts, in Birmingham on music, in Manchester on drama, in London on dance, and in Bristol on literature? What understanding of local or regional issues might the authority expect? How would this increase efficiency?

Or might it simply mean the creation, in the name of corporate planning, of the kind of paper mountain which reached new heights during Mary Allen's term of office at the Arts Council?

We all hope for fresh and radical solutions to questions of arts policy and funding — recent developments at the council give cause for optimism — but we are going to have to do significantly better than the half-baked centralisation that Mary Allen is proposing.

Yours faithfully,
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Time out of mind

From Professor A. J. Meadows

Sir, The equatorium [astronomical calculator] dating to 1600 that you describe ("Time runs out for the oldest computer", report and photograph, June 15) actually suffered from a rather more serious millennium bug than present-day computers.

It was widely believed then that the world would last for no more than 6,000 years in total. Since it was also believed that the world had been created in 4000 BC, this meant that the end was due in AD 2000. So Rosalind, in *As You Like It* (first produced in about 1600), warned the audience that "The poor world is almost six thousand years old" (Act IV, scene 1, l 90).

From the viewpoint of a contemporary instrument-maker there would therefore have been little point in going beyond the year 2000.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Peter Lonsdale Smith

Sir, Your report on the equatorium suggests that the machine is suffering from the millennium bug, or that the maker was short-sighted in not looking beyond the year 2000.

He would probably have preferred his machine to be good for more than 400 years had he not been constrained by space. Pope Gregory, a little earlier than the equatorium, had looked beyond 2000 in devising his celebrated calendar and in stipulating rules for leap years.

The computer programmers of the 1950s, however, were apparently satisfied with a useful lifetime for their products of 40 years or so. It says much about the short-term horizons of modern outlook.

Yours faithfully,
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 20: The Princess Royal, Patron, the British Nutrition Foundation, this morning attended the National Nutrition Education Conference at the Forte Posthouse, Southampton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Christopher Fagan.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK
June 20: Princess Alexandra, Patron and Air Chief Commandant, this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving in St Clement Danes Church to celebrate the Eightieth Anniversary of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service and later attended a Reception at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 21: The Lord St John of Bletso (Extra Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the arrival of The President of The Republic of Hungary and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 21: The Princess Royal today attended the Macallan International Horse Trials at Burgie, Forres, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire (Air Vice-Marshal George Chesworth).

Birthdays today

Sir Hugh Annesley, former Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, 59; Mr Jack Bailey, former secretary, MCC, 68; Sir Christopher Booth, gastroenterologist, 74; Lieutenant-General Sir Robin Carnegie, 72; Mr D.H.B. Chesshyre, herald, 58; Mr Gary Connolly, rugby league player, 27; Mr A.P. de Boer, former chairman, British Road Federation, 80; Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, former Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire, 77.

Mr G.S. Hill, solicitor, 71; Professor Sheila Hollins, Professor of the Psychiatry of Mental Handicapped, 52; Mr Ian Howe, former chairman, Kwik Save Group, 58; Lord Hunt, KG, leader British expedition to Mount Everest in 1952, 88; Mr Bruce Kent, nuclear disarmament campaigner, 69; Professor D.A. Low, former President, Clare Hall, Cambridge, 71; Mr R.J. Montague, founder, Tiphook, 50; Mr Gordon Oakes, former MP, 67; Mr David Owen, former Chief Constable, North Wales, 67; Lord Randall of St Budeaux, 60; Miss Esther Rantzen, broadcaster, 58; Dame Cicely Saunders, OM, founder St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, 80; Miss Prunella Scales, actress, 66; Mr Alastair Stewart, broadcaster, 46; Miss Meryl Streep, actress, 49; Lord Wakeham, 66; Mr Billy Wilder, film director, 92; Miss Diana Young, jockey, 42.


CHRIS ISON

Members of the Minnesota Traditional Morris Men taking part yesterday in the 275th Meeting of the Morris Ring of England — now an international morris dancing festival — at Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire. The Americans were among 400 morris men and 36 clubs from all over the world who sent teams to dance at the festival, the biggest held in Britain since 1984. The event included massed displays of dancing in Chipping Campden, Stow-on-the-Wold and Stratford-upon-Avon, a traditional feast and some imbibing of Morris Ale

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Marshal of the RAF, will visit RAF Wittering, Cambridgeshire, at 2.30.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Rainbow Centre, Centenary Methodist Chapel, Camborne, Cornwall, a registered charity providing support and advice to families in need, at 10.55; and will also meet members of the nearby New Connection drop-in centre. Later, as president, Business in the Community, he will attend a meeting to discuss sustainable regeneration and business investment in the area at Pall Industrial Hydraulics, Redruth, Cornwall, at 12.15.

The Princess Royal, honorary member, National Osteoporosis Society, will open their biennial conference at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, at 10.00. Later, as patron, Farms for City Children, will open Wick Court, Overton Lane, Arlingham, Gloucestershire, at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the new Heritage Centre at the Aerospace Museum, Cosford, Shropshire, at 11.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the final stage of the rebuilding at Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley, at 11.45; will visit St Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School, Leatherhead, at 2.10; and as patron, St John's School, will open the Sixth Form and Communications Centre at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, president, All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club will attend the Wimbledon Championships, at 12.30.

Princess Alexandra will attend a preview of Whistle Down The Wind at the Aldwych Theatre, London, WC2, at 7.35 in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

Board of Deputies of British Jews

Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, opened the annual conference held yesterday at the Institute of Education, London, WC1.

Lord Young of Graffham, Mr Morris Abram and Mrs Ruth Deech, Principal of St Anne's College, Oxford, were the speakers.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Vancouver, explorer, King's Lynn, Norfolk, 1757; Sir Rider Haggard, novelist, West Bradenham Hall, Norfolk, 1856; James Maxton, chairman of the Independent Labour Party 1926-31 and 1934-39, Glasgow, 1885; Sir Julian Huxley, biologist, London, 1887; Sir Peter Pears, tenor, Farnham, Surrey, 1910.

DEATHS: Catharine Macaulay, historian, Binfield, Berkshire, 1791; Walter de la Mare, poet and novelist, Twickenham, Middlesex, 1956; Judy Garland, singer and actress, London, 1969; Darius Milhaud, composer, Geneva, 1974; Fred Astaire, dancer and actor, Los Angeles, 1987.

The MCC and Hertfordshire played the first match at Lord's cricket ground, 1814.

Queen Victoria celebrated her diamond jubilee, 1897.

Luncheon

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at City Hall after the annual Civic Service held in Westminster Abbey.

Nature notes

WOOD WARBLERS are nesting under the bracken in oak and beech woods, mostly in the west of Britain. They are like large, much greener willow warblers, and the males, who sing high in the leaf canopy, have two song-phrases — a high-pitched shivering call, and a throbbing, plaintive note like a nightingale's. Pied flycatchers often nest in the same woods: the males are dapper little black-and-white birds, and at present are helping their olive-brown mates to feed the young in a hole in a tree. Spotted flycatchers are nesting in most parts of Britain in creepers on country house walls: they sit hunched on a twig, then dart out to pick up a passing insect.

Midsummer flowers are opening everywhere. The spikes of great mullein, with their yellow flowers and woolly leaves, often stand four feet high. Meadow cranesbill is coming out by fieldpaths: it has rich blue flowers and red stems. In the ditches, there are dense ranks of hogweed. The first spires of rosebay willow-herb are out, and soon a rash of pink will cover the land. Meadow brown butterflies are fluttering awkwardly through the grass: unlike most butterflies, they sometimes fly in the rain. D J M


The pied flycatcher

Meeting

International Military Music Society
Lieutenant-Colonel Rodney Parker was the guest speaker at the summer meeting of the United Kingdom branch of the International Military Music Society held on Saturday at the Royal Military School of Music, Twickenham.

Major Richard Powell, chairman, presided.

Marriages

Mr P.L.T. de Montfort and the Hon Nicola Conolly-Carew
A service of blessing was held on Saturday at St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster, after the marriage at the Chelsea and Westminster Register Office of Mr Piers Louis Tottenham de Montfort, second son of Mr and Mrs Lowry de Montfort, of London, to the Hon Nicola Conolly-Carew, second daughter of Lord and Lady Carew, of Ireland. Canon Donald Gray officiated.

A reception was held in the House of Lords and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr A.K. Ahmed and Dr N.J. Course
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 20, 1998, at St Peter's Church, Piton, of Mr Anwar Kamal Ahmed, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kamal Ahmed, of Dore village, Sheffield, to Dr Nicola Jane Course, daughter of Mr Arnold Course, of Ashley Heath, Hampshire and Mrs Vivienne Habgood, of Pitton village, Wiltshire.

Mr C.V. Kay and Miss P.F. Newton-Davies
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 20, at St Andrew and St Mary the Virgin, Fletching, Sussex, of Mr Charles Kay, only son of the late Mr Michael Kay and of Mrs Kay, of Pool-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire, to Miss Philippa Newton-Davies, younger daughter of Mr John Newton-Davies, of Sandridge, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Diana Whiteside, of Chailey, Sussex. Canon Derek Whitehead officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rufus and Heloise Kleinwort. Mr Andrew West was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M.C. Arnoldi and Miss K.J.C. Mungall
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Lady Chapel, Westminster Abbey, of Mr Matthew Arnoldi, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Helmut Arnoldi, of Cobham, Surrey, to Miss Kim Mungall, daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Mungall, of Clayton, Bradford, Yorkshire. The Very Rev Michael Mayne, KCVO, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Philippa Wring, Miss Tiffany Wring and Miss Gemma Paine. Mr Peter Davies was best man.

A reception was held at the Church House Conference Centre and the honeymoon will be spent in the Lake District.

Mr H.L. Petrie and Mrs D.R. Petrie
The marriage took place on Sunday, in Carmyllie by Arbroath (the parish of the groom's ancestors), between Mr Harold Lishman Petrie and Mrs Diana Rose Petrie, née Tanner, of Maida Vale. The Rev Kenneth Brown officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her son, Mr Wayne Hayden Mendies, was attended by Mrs Victoria Gail Mendies. Mr James Cunningham Gordon was best man.

A reception was held at Lethaim Grange, Colliston and, after travelling on the Orient Express, the honeymoon will be spent in Vienna.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J. Grew and Miss N.R. Robins
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs John Grew, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Naomi, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Robins, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Flight Lieutenant W.R. Griffiths, RAF, and Miss K.L. Kennedy
The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Griffiths, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr Bruce Kennedy, of NAS Fallon, Nevada, and Mrs Joy Kennedy, of San Diego, California.

Mr A.J.T. Patterson and Miss L.E. Nevill
The engagement is announced between Alexander James Tamor, son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Patterson, of Caversham, Berkshire, and Louise Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Nevill, of South Cheam, Surrey.

Dr M.D. Stefan and Dr J. Shapleske
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of the late Dr Peter Stefan and of Mrs Klara Stefan-Nelson, of Dover, and Jane, daughter of the late Percy Shapleski and of Mrs Grace Shapleske, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Stephen Goodwin, Team Vicar, (with responsibility for Bordon St Mark) (Guildford), to be Warden, St Chad's House, and NSM, Leek and Meerbrook Team (Lichfield).
The Rev Susan Goodwin, NSM, Headley All Saints (Guildford), to be Priest-in-Charge, Wetley Rocks (Lichfield).

Other appointments
Captain Alan Barr, Church Army, to be deanery worker with the elderly (Carlisle).
Philip Mawer, Secretary General, General Synod: to be Secretary General (designate), Archbishops' Council, subject to approval by the General Synod and the passage through Parliament of the measure which sets up the council.
Captain Peter Allen, Church Army, lay evangelist, Morden St Peter (Southwark): to be lay worker, Hednesford (Lichfield).
Kevin Clark to be lay youth worker, Bath Weston All Saints (Bath & Wells).
Bill Jones to be lay canon (Mara, Tanzania).
Dr Bridget Nicols to be lay chaplain and research assistant (Ely).
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CASEMENT - On June 17th to Rachel née Barry and William, a son Samuel Frederick Constantine, a brother for Daisy and Susanna.

de GARR ROBINSON - On June 18th 1998, to Miranda and Tony a beautiful daughter, Lois Emily, with heartfelt thanks to all at UCH.

LANE FOX - On June 18th 1998 to Rachel (née Baring) and Nick, a son, Harry.

PROSSER - On June 14th 1998 at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Tony and Lesley (née Shelton), a daughter, Eirlys Jane.

SEELY - On Saturday June 13th 1998, to Susannah and Patrick, a son, Theodore, a brother for Thomas and Clemmie.

SMITH - On June 17th 1998, to Catriona (née Fraser) and Colin, a beautiful daughter, Cordelia Flora Saville, a sister for Cameron and Campbell.

ANNIVERSARIES

DURNILL - The first of many. Love Jane.

PICKLES:JOHNSON - Steve and Cathy on the 22nd June 1997 at St Mary's, Langho. Our (news)paper anniversary!

DEATHS

ANNAND - Elsie Joan died suddenly but peacefully on June 14th 1998 aged 80. Widow of the late David Logan Annand. Mother of Joan, Muriel, Margaret and Rosalind. Enquiries to G. Boutell & Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey. KT14 7QL, tel: 01932 345037.

CARLTON - Bertram Eric. Much loved father to Jeffy and Jeremy and Grandfather to Elizabeth and Mark. Peacefully on Sunday June 14th.

CHARLETON - E. Philip, M.A. (Cantab), of Clavinch, Glastonbury. Husband of Joan Charleton née Hughes. Died at Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny on June 16th. The funeral is to be conducted at St. Mary's Church, Gusop, near Hay-on-Wye on June 26th at 2pm. "Sans Varier".

DEATHS

DALLY. - Irene Alys (Pat), aged 88, on 19th June, peacefully while at home with her daughter in Johannesburg. Much loved mother of Brian, Christopher and Susan, grandmother and great grandmother. For many years resident in Spain. Private cremation in South Africa. A memorial service will be held later in England.

DOUGLAS - Alexa Granger widow of George Cruickshank deceased 1959 and Pat Douglas deceased 1977 and dearly loved stepmother and step grandmother, died peacefully on June 19th after a long illness borne with great courage and an unending sense of humour. The service will be held at St Margaret's Church, Farnham at 3pm on Friday June 26th. Family flowers only but donations if wished to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1 8QG.

GASKELL - Mrs Jean Winsome, died peacefully on 19th June 1998 aged 94. Wife of the late Dr. Kenneth Harvey (Mac) Gaskell. Dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private.

GREEN - Howard Green, much loved husband of the late Sarah and father of Helen, at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Gloucester on June 19th.

HODGES - Michael Robert, much loved son of Irene, husband of Jean and father of Adam, Alexandra and Max. Funeral Service will be held in St Mary's Church, Wanstead on Wednesday June 24th at 12.30 pm, followed by cremation at the City of London Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation or The Injured Jockey's Fund c/o Francis and C. Walters Funeral Directors, 121 High Street, Wanstead E11 2RL.

LOWE - Lieutenant Commander Ivan Laurence Firth Lowe, DSC, Royal Navy, aged 82 at the Pembridge Palliative Care Centre, North Kensington, on June 15th, after a long illness. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral on Monday June 24th at the Royal Naval College Chapel, Greenwich, at 11 am. Flowers welcome or donations to the Macmillan Pembridge Appeal. Flowers to Co-operative Funeral Service, 451 Harrow Road, London W10 4RG.

MANDRY - Mildred (Minnie) of Ottershaw passed away at her home on Wednesday 17th June 1998. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Ottershaw to take place on Wednesday 24th June at 2pm. All enquiries to Walter G. Wortt FD, (01932) 843143.

NIXON - Michael Homewood. Very suddenly after a short illness on 17th June. Family funeral. No flowers please but donations welcomed to The Royal Marsden Hospital and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

PREVETT - Ivan, CB, FRICS - died peacefully in hospital on 17th June 1998 aged 79. Dearest husband of Meg and very much loved father and grandfather. Private Cremation with family flowers only please. Donations, if desired to The Border Centre for Arthritis, c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough. Tel: (01892) 655000.

RUDLAND - On 17th June, 1998 at home Surgeon Captain Robert Spencer Rudland, M.B.E., V.R.D. (Clasp), D.L., R.N.R. aged 93 years, husband of the late Audrey (née Silfox), much loved father of Susan and Rosemary and a dear grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral at Coventry Cathedral on Tuesday, 23rd June at 2.30 p.m. No flowers but donations if desired for Coventry Sea Cadets may be sent to A. Pargeter & Son, City Mews, Lamb Street, Coventry. 01203 223343.

THRESHER - Philip Brian on 16th June 1998 after a long illness at home in Santa Barbara, California, aged 72 years. Beloved husband of Carolyn, father of Fiona, Brian and Valerie. Brother of James. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

WALTERS - On 14th June 1998, Dr. Hazel Walters of Burwash, East Sussex. Wife of Dr. Glyn Walters and Mother of Jocelyn and David. The funeral has taken place. Donations in memory of "Dr. Hazel" may be made to the Burwash Playing Fields Association c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx. TN19 7ET.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Co. No: 2681622
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A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Bowman Hunt, 2-10 Bridge Street, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 2LU on 26 and 29 June 1998.
By Order of the Board
Mr A Maxton - Director
Dated: 5 June 1998

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MRS. HANNAH ETHEL MINTZ of 14 Blyth Park Gardens London W2 4JA Died 8th December 1997 Proceedings to: Nicholson Graham & Jones 110 Cannon Street EC4N 6AA on or before 24th August 1998

PATRICK HEYSHAM of 16 Copper Row 1 London SW11 4JA and 33 Ovington Street London SW3 2JA. Died 12th November 1997. Particulars to: Charles Russell Solicitors 8-10 New Fetter Lane EC4A 1RS on or before 24th August 1998. (Ref:MSM)

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Dated: 5 June 1998
D R Gilbert
Joint Liquidator

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All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Date 17 June 1998
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OBITUARIES

LUCIO COSTA

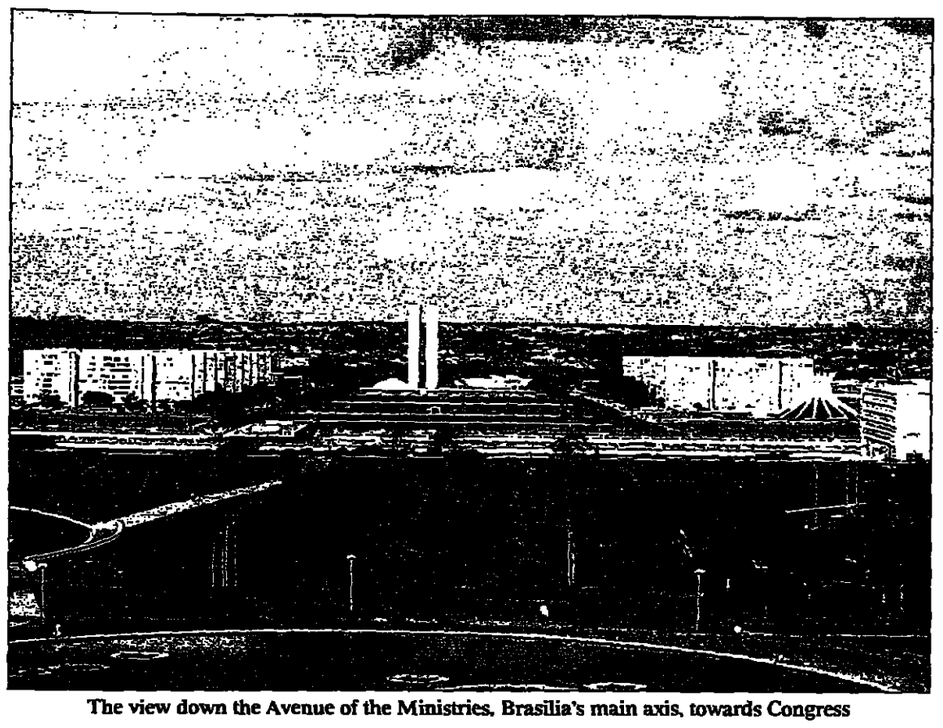
Lucio Costa, architect and town planner, died on June 13 aged 96. He was born on February 26, 1902.

Lucio Costa is identified chiefly with the planning of Brasilia, the controversial new capital city of Brazil, but he was also a link with two of the prime movers of modern architecture, Le Corbusier and Oscar Niemeyer. In 1936 the Government of Brazil invited Le Corbusier to South America to lecture and to act as consultant when Costa was commissioned to design the federal university plan in Rio de Janeiro and the ambitious Ministry of Education's new building there. This turned out to be an architectural landmark of its time, with Niemeyer, who had been Costa's pupil, also working on it.

Lucio Costa was born in Toulouse. His mother was French, his father Brazilian, and he studied painting and architecture at the National School of Fine Arts in Rio, qualifying in 1924. To begin with, he was an enthusiastic supporter of Brazil's neo-colonial revival, much in fashion during the 1930s, and he became a considerable authority on the colonial style. He was primarily concerned, however, with the development of the Modern movement in Europe and the ways in which it could be put to work in his country.

His qualities as a designer were recognised when he was a student, and at the age of just 21 he was appointed director of the National School. It was there that he saw his chance to promote avant-garde ideas. The antiquated Beaux Arts approach to teaching was dropped, and a modern curriculum based on the functional theories of the Bauhaus, Le Corbusier and his followers was adopted. Unfortunately, this proved to be too extreme for the school's trustees, and Costa soon lost his job.

Nevertheless, he had made his point. A six-month strike by his students led to the restoration of his curriculum, and Costa was offered the commission for the Education Department building when he set up in practice. The minister, Gustavo Capanema, had turned down a traditional scheme chosen by a government committee; he wanted a work of modern architecture, but because Costa was so young Le Corbusier was called in as adviser.



The view down the Avenue of the Ministries, Brasilia's main axis, towards Congress

Costa had produced a design by then — 1936 — but Le Corbusier dominated its form and character. While Costa headed the team which executed the building, it was here that Le Corbusier invented *brise-soleil*, a vast concrete baffle to protect the glass façade from the sun. It is for this that the building — now called the Palace of Culture — is chiefly known.

After this, Costa went on to design apartment blocks, a hotel and other works, but in 1955 he resumed his association with Le Corbusier. Costa had been commissioned to design Brazil House in the Cité universitaire de Paris. This had the misfortune to be close to an early masterpiece of Le Corbusier's, the Pavillon Suisse, a work of great delicacy. The Brazil House, in the fashionable rough concrete shuttering of the 1950s, looks clumsy by comparison, and if Le Corbusier had any influence on its appearance it can be discerned only in the delightfully ramped ground floor and in the large slabs of slate planned in accordance with the discipline of his Modulor measure of proportion.

Then, in 1957, Costa had his greatest opportunity, when he won the international competition to create Brazil's new capital. Sited on the country's barren plateau, this was intended both to create a new administrative capital and to promote the development of the interior.

Costa's layout took the shape of an aeroplane, as though inspired by the idea of one landing in this isolated place. But there was a rationale to the arrangement. The cruciform produced a natural division of activities, with government and other public buildings running along the main east-west axis while the residential districts were built along the north-south axis.

This had a strength, clarity and directness that could be grasped immediately, and President Juscelino Kubitschek, who governed Brazil from 1956 to 1960, was beguiled. At the same time, he put Oscar Niemeyer — Costa's junior by five years — in charge of Novacap, the organisation which implemented Costa's outline plan. This meant that Niemeyer designed the most important buildings, including residential neighbourhoods, the university and the cathedral. Costa's only standing construction in Brasilia is a television tower, a huge and uninspired antenna of concrete and steel.

The principal construction work was done in four years, and the city was inaugurated as the new capital, succeeding Rio de Janeiro, in 1960. It was built alongside the man-made Paranoa lake, which provides water and helps to mitigate the hot, dry atmosphere. With its long avenues, without intersections, it was hailed as a monument to modern architecture and added to Unesco's World Heritage list, along with Venice and the Great Wall of China.

But, despite some striking buildings, it cannot be said that Brasilia fulfilled the initial hopes of the planners, the President and the Brazilian people. For one thing, Costa seriously miscalculated how fast the new city would grow. The projected population was 500,000, but it became a magnet for migrants and the population now stands at around two million. While the centre may be visually dramatic, slums and shanty towns have gathered around the edges, along with many different religious sects and cults.

While Brasilia contains many shining futuristic images, the people complain that it is unfriendly to pedestrians, and that they cannot get around it without cars. Above all, the city is isolated. It has no roots, no past, and proves the rule that no satisfactory work of architecture can be created in a vacuum.

It may be that Costa, who was a rather retiring man, acknowledged the truth of this, for he devoted much of the rest of his life to the Brazilian Society for Historical Preservation, in the hope that architects of the future would not neglect the country's heritage.

Lucio Costa's wife was killed in a car crash, but he is survived by his daughter.

DAVID WALSH



The prospector in his office in 1996

David Walsh, mining promoter, died in the Bahamas on June 4 aged 52, after suffering a stroke. He was born on August 11, 1945.

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And heedless hearts, is lawful
prize;
Nor all that glisters, gold . . .

. . . but Thomas Gray's words tend to be forgotten when fortunes are said to be there for the digging. In a just a few years international speculators sank more than £3 billion into the mining company Bre-X Minerals before a report in May 1997 into what was supposed to be the world's biggest goldmine declared that there were, after all, only insignificant deposits, not worth mining. The company lost 80 per cent of its value in half-an-hour.

The entrepreneur David Walsh, however, had previously sold some £22 million of shares, putting the money into overseas accounts and establishing himself in a beachfront house in the Bahamas with his wife, Jeanette. So for all his protestations he was perhaps not quite so horrified as others by the news.

"We share the shock and dismay of our shareholders and others that the gold we thought we had at Busang now appears not to be there," he said at the time, as though it had been mislaid. But Walsh, claiming to be the dupe of others in his company, was apparently distressed about his reputation, and anxious to clear his name. He also received death threats.

His partner and head of exploration, the Dutch geologist John Felderhof, speaking from his home in the Cayman Islands, was also adamant about his innocence, though he had been instrumental in securing the Busang concession and is said to have made at least C$42 million (£17.5 million) by selling shares. He later left the company.

David Walsh was born in Montreal, the son of a stockbroker with interests in mining. He was educated at Westmount High School but devoted himself to fast living on motorbikes and in sports cars.

He dabbled unsuccessfully in the oil and gas industries before creating Bre-X Minerals in 1989, hoping to find gold or diamonds in Canada. By 1992 his exploration efforts had all failed, and he and his wife declared themselves bankrupt, clearing away almost C$60,000 of credit card debt.

Nevertheless, he scraped together another C$10,000 to start exploring in Indonesia, and persuaded friends to invest C$200,000 for a licence to prospect for gold in the East Kalimantan province. Explorations began in the rainforests of Busang on the island of Borneo in 1993.

Who was behind what became known as the golden fleece is the subject of criminal investigations, but the method is clear. The core samples taken by Bre-X were kept in a warehouse before being sent to the assayer, and it is believed that a laboratory was set up on the banks of the river from Busang to Samarinda so that the samples could be "salted" with gold dust from elsewhere.

An expert from the mining analysts Strathcona later declared that the tampering was on a scale "without precedent in the history of mining anywhere in the world".

After the supposed find at Busang, the penny shares in Calgary-based Bre-X soared. The Indonesian Government moved in to claim a stake, and mining companies clamoured for the chance to participate.

David Walsh's swashbuckling confidence was the key to his rollercoaster business life. An unbuttoned, beer-swilling, chain-smoking self-promoter who liked the good life, he did many of his deals in restaurants and visited Busang only once. Meanwhile, Bre-X officials touted the company's putative deposits as the find of the century, claiming to have struck a "mountain of gold" 12km long and 6km wide.

Speculation from the falsified results suggested that there might be up to 200 million ounces of gold, and when Bre-X shares were first listed on the Toronto stock exchange, the price is said to have risen from C$5 to C$192.50 within five minutes.

The bad news for Bre-X investors began on March 19 last year, when the company's man on the ground, Mike De Guzman, unwisely became its man in the air. While flying by helicopter to meet geologists from the company's potential partner, Freeport-McMoRan, he mysteriously fell to his death. The local police initially said it was suicide, and claimed to find a suicide note on the body when it was recovered two months later, but they subsequently began a murder inquiry.

Then, on March 23, Freeport-McMoRan broke the news that there was no gold, and C$500 million was wiped off the value of the company. The volume of trading brought down the Toronto computer system. The whole Canadian market took its hardest knock for a decade.

Eight lawsuits were filed against Walsh and John Felderhof, accusing them of profiting illegally from share sales while aware that they might have little value. The Ontario Securities Commission began an investigation.

The Walshes' assets were frozen last month, the court granting them an allowance of C$3,000 a week and ordering them to disclose all their assets worldwide.

David Walsh is survived by his wife and their son.

PROFESSOR PETER JEWELL

Professor Peter Jewell, biologist and conservationist, died on May 23 aged 72. He was born on June 16, 1925.

IN A professional life which covered varying aspects of biology and saw him occupying chairs at the University of Nigeria, Royal Holloway College and at Cambridge, Peter Jewell worked as a wildlife biologist and conservationist as well as an academic zoologist. He will, in particular, be remembered for the battle he conducted on behalf of the endangered Soay sheep of the remote Atlantic island group of St Kilda.

Soay sheep combined two strong interests in his life: endangered breeds of livestock and research in animal behaviour. He was senior editor of *Island Survivors: The Ecology of the Soay Sheep of St Kilda* (1974), one of the classic works on a British breed.

Peter Arundel Jewell was born in London but his roots were in Cornwall, where for many years he maintained a seaside cottage at Gwithian on St Ives Bay. His first degree was in agriculture, from Reading, but when he moved to Cambridge as an affiliated student it was to read physiology, in which he graduated with first-class honours in 1947.

He stayed on to take a doctorate, after which he worked at the Royal Veterinary College as a lecturer in physiology and pharmacology from 1950 to 1960. He then held a five-year research fellowship at the Zoological Society of London and spent a further six years as a senior lecturer in the department of zoology at University College London.

During this period, his research interests shifted from the physiological to the ecological. In 1972 he was appointed Professor of Zoology at Royal Holloway College, and five years later he returned to Cambridge as Professor of the Physiology of Reproduction, a position that he held until his retirement in 1992. He liked nothing better than discussing research problems with young biologists over a glass of real ale.

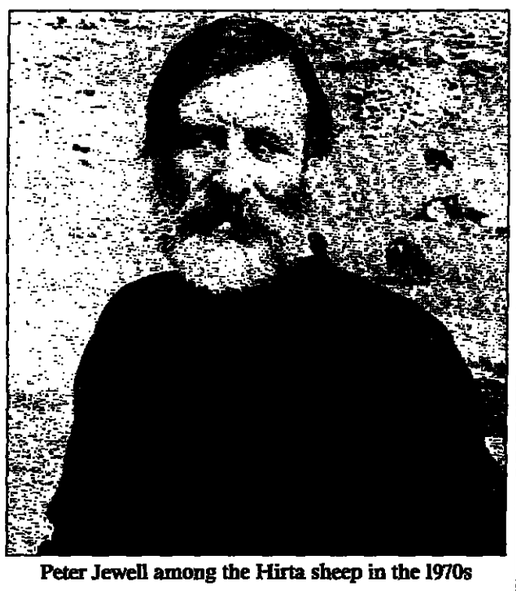
At Cambridge he extended his research on sheep, both wild and domestic, but he also studied tropical biology on many visits to Africa.

His numerous outside interests included archaeology and pottery, but he was particularly noted for his concern about conservation of rare breeds of domestic animals. He was an early member of the breeding policy committee created by the Zoological Society of London in 1959, helping to formulate policy on genetic conservation.

While at the Veterinary College he had developed an interest in Soay sheep on the island of Hirta, largest of the St Kilda group, so he was a natural choice for supervisor when research assistants were appointed in 1964. An address to the Rare Breeds Conference in 1971 did much to bring genetic conservation to the attention of a wider audience, and led on to the foundation of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

Jewell appreciated not only the scientific and educational value of rare breeds but also their recreational significance in farm parks and their importance as part of the British heritage. He championed and supervised research on the seaweed-eating sheep of North Ronaldsay, the hardy North Ronaldsay Breed of Orkney's northernmost island.

In 1958 he married Juliet Clutton-Brock, herself a distinguished zoologist. She survives him along with their three daughters.



Peter Jewell among the Hirta sheep in the 1970s

LEOPOLD FRIEDMAN

Leopold Friedman, OBE, engineer and businessman, died on May 23 aged 90. He was born in Moscow on August 28, 1907.

BEFORE Stalin's death in 1953, the Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe were virtually closed to trade with the outside world. Then Khrushchev allowed commercial contacts to be made, and Leopold Friedman was among the small band of businessmen establishing trade links. This meant returning to the country of his birth, which he had left as a schoolboy.

As chief executive of East-West trade at Rubery Owen and as a director of several other companies, he sought opportunities for both sides to benefit. His advice was sought on how to export to the centrally planned economies of Eastern Europe and by the East Europeans on how to sell their goods in hard currency markets. A senior Soviet official recalled Friedman's patience, courtesy and understanding, and said how much he enjoyed hearing his own language spoken as it used to be by his university professor many years before.



Leopold Friedman and his younger brother, Harry, left Moscow with their mother in 1919 to go to Riga, where they had longstanding family connections. Their father had built a very successful business importing water heaters, cookers and other domestic appliances into Russia, and also owned a factory manufacturing soap. All of this was lost when he, too, left Russia three years later. He took with him some diamonds concealed in a pickled herring.

In Riga Leopold played violin in a family trio, with his mother playing piano, and his brother playing the cello. The boys also played in the Riga Orchestra. After matriculation, Leopold moved to England to study engineering.

After graduating from Imperial College, his practical year was spent at the Junkers factory in Dessau, Germany, and during weekend visits to Berlin he saw at first hand the decadence of that city and the growing Nazi presence in the form of Rohm's Brownshirts.

His family had now settled in England, and he joined his father in developing and manufacturing the Ascot water heater. During the war the factory made hydraulic equipment for aircraft gun-turrets. J. B. Priestley's novel *Daylight on Saturday* included material gathered during a week at the factory, and one of the characters is based on Friedman.

After the war, Friedman joined the Midlands engineering firm Rubery Owen, taking responsibility for markets in Eastern Europe. Among many contracts he signed during the 1960s and 1970s, that to supply foundry production lines to the huge truck manufacturing plant at Kama River in the Soviet Union stands out as an example of the dogged determination in technical and commercial negotiation needed to succeed against worldwide competition and an intransigent bureaucracy.

Such persuasive negotiating skills could have other applications in Soviet Russia. Unable to obtain a ticket for a Richter recital at the Conservatoire in Moscow, Friedman once confronted the director in his office and emerged with a ticket, only to find himself in the director's seat.

Among his involvements with trade bodies, Friedman was a deputy chairman of the East European Trade Council. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. In the early 1980s he co-founded a specialist consultancy company.

He was appointed OBE for his services to export trade, and received several medals and citations from Eastern European countries.

Whenever colleagues railed against the frustrations which so bedevilled East European trade, his response was the Russian saying "It's raining, I let it". But he felt deeply, as he often said, that "the Russian people deserve better". In a conversation a few weeks before his death he said he thought they were still waiting.

He is survived by his wife, Zoe, and their three sons.

Latest wills

Gladys Emily Alice Cuff, of Little Missenden, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £2,142,204 net.

Jerzy Cap, of Oswestry, Shropshire, left estate valued at £1,194,429 net.

John Tindall, of Yedingham, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,159,747 net.
He left £1,000 each to St Dunstan's, London, W1, Royal British Legion, of Tewkesbury, Gloucester, and Parkinson's Disease Society; and £750 to East Heslerton church.

Mary Barbara Towlson, of Nottingham, left estate valued at £1,198,700 net.
She left £2,000 to Nottinghamshire Girl Guides Association and shares in the remainder of her estate to the FDSA, Age Concern, Help the Aged, the Salvation Army and the British Home and Hospital for Incurables.

Elizabeth Gwladys Louise Andrews, of London, SW18, left estate valued at £766,130 net.

Gilbert Bealing, of St Ives, Cornwall, left estate valued at £598,134 net.

Nora Winifred Beck, of Hammersmith, London W6, left estate valued at £534,970 net.

Michael John Paul Casserly, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £619,882 net.

Winifred Mary Clutterbuck, of Lindfield, West Sussex, left estate valued at £586,849 net.
She left £1,000 each to the Princess Royal Hospital, Cancer Research Campaign, Tamer Home, Brighton, Wishing Well Appeal, RNLI, St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, PTA of Court Meadow School, Cuckfield, RNIB and Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled; £750 each to Barnardo's and the Children's Society; £500 each to a number of other charities; and £250 each to the RSPB and the NSPCC.

Norah Gwendoline Cripps, of Kensworth, Bedfordshire, left estate valued at £613,580 net.
She left £500 to Kensworth Over 60s Club.

Barbara Joan Cross, of Yeovil, Somerset, left estate valued at £641,127 net.
She left the remainder of her estate between St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, East London, Yeovil Hospital, Royal National Institute for the Blind, RNLI, Golf Foundation, and Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied, Tavistock House, London.

Maria Alexandrine Daubney, of London, SE11, left estate valued at £888,991 net.

Robert Henry Field, of Billingshurst, West Sussex, left estate valued at £684,097 net.

James Lewis, of Troedrhiwrhyddwen, Llandovery, left estate valued at £798,684 net.

Kenneth Francis Manly Loughman, of Petworth, West Sussex, left estate valued at £918,799 net.
He left £1,000 each to the Hospital of the Most Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem, and the Sacred Heart church, Petworth.

Madeline Rosella Mills Menhiniek, of Torquay, Devon, left estate valued at £935,896 net.
She left £200,000 to the National Trust and her residuary estate to be used to purchase any part of the Cornish coast: £10,000 to PDSA; and £5,000 each to Action for Blind People, Royal National Institute for Deaf People and the Woodland Trust.

Jean Parsons, of London W7, left estate valued at £600,722 net.

Marcus Francisco Javier Samuel, of London, SW19, left estate valued at £593,055 net.

Hilda Mary Scholfield, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £574,918 net.

Edna Corrall Telford, of London, SW17, left estate valued at £578,965 net.
She left her residuary estate to the Cancer Research Campaign, Parkinson's Disease Society, RSPCA and Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common, SW4.

Paul Bertram Watson, of Hethersett, Norwich, left estate valued at £561,917 net.
He left £1,000 each to Colonel of the Green Howards towards all or any of the regimental charities, and Repton School, Derbyshire.

Robert George Weston, of London W9, left estate valued at £1,188,666 net.

Robert Winton Domville Wynter, of Exmouth, left estate valued at £549,523 net.

A REGIMENT CUT TO PIECES

The wounded were beginning to be brought in by waggons from the battlefield at Waterloo when this gentleman quit Brussels. Many of the British officers present in the affair of the 16th declared that they never witnessed more severe fighting in the Peninsula than that which took place on the plains of Fleurus and its vicinity. What made the fate of the 79th and 42nd regiments so severe was their having been taken by surprise by a strong force of cuirassiers, who lay in ambush for them in a road, the sight of which was completely intercepted by fields of corn immensely high. With such fury was the 79th regiment attacked that most of them were cut to pieces, and the whole were in danger of being destroyed, but for the coming up of the brave 42nd. This latter regiment formed itself into a square, and five times were they broken. On the sixth attack they formed the plan of opening a passage to the enemy; and the moment he effected it, they changed their position, and so hemmed in the cuirassiers, that not a single man was suffered to escape; thus was the destructiuon of one of Buonaparte's finest regiments completed. Col. Cameron, says our informant, was killed at the head of the gallant 42nd. Next day, when the 79th was mustered, the men amounted to no more than 54 and two officers. A few more were, however, expected to be brought in. General Picton's division did wonders; and the gallant general himself fought at the head of it in a manner to astonish the greatest veterans. The Duke of Wellington exposed himself as usual to imminent danger; the bullets were whizzing about him in every direction.

[There follows a list, incomplete, of 113 officers of all ranks, headed by the Duke of Brunswick (killed) and the Prince of Orange (severely wounded). Wellington in his dispatch commented: "Your Lordship will observe that such a desperate action could not be fought, and such advantages could not be gained, without great loss; and I am sorry to say that ours has been immense. It gives me great satisfaction to assure your Lordship that the army never on any occasion conducted itself better. The division of Guards under Lieutenant-General Cooke, who is severely wounded, Major-General Maitland and Major-General Byng, set an example which was followed by all; and there is no officer, nor description of troops, that did not behave well . . .]

ON THIS DAY

June 22, 1815

Below the reproduction of Wellington's dispatch to the War Office, dated June 19, there appeared a report illustrating the bloody nature of the battle, from "a gentleman who left Brussels on Sunday, at which time the people were manifesting the greatest joy . . ."

NEWS

Ban on sex with pupils

■ Teachers who embark on a sexual relationship with any pupil under the age of 18 could be guilty of a criminal offence under proposals to be put forward by ministers today.

The new law, which is designed to allay fears about the lowering of the age of homosexual consent, would apply to all relationships between minors and authority figures, and cover young people living in residential care ..... Page 1

NHS needs huge rise in productivity

■ Hospital waiting lists will not fall unless the NHS achieves an increase in productivity unparalleled in its 50-year history, Sir Alan Langlands, chief executive of the service, said. A 10 per cent increase in productivity would reduce the list by 150,000, but that would mean staff working unsustainable hours of overtime ..... Page 1

Dog lovers party

In a discreet piece of diplomatic lobbying, the Czech ambassador held a party on his lawn for all his dog-owner friends to mark his pet's release from the rigours of British quarantine laws..... Page 1

British fear backlash

The 10,000-strong expatriate British community in Toulouse fear that the behaviour of English football hooligans today might strain their relations with the French..... Page 7

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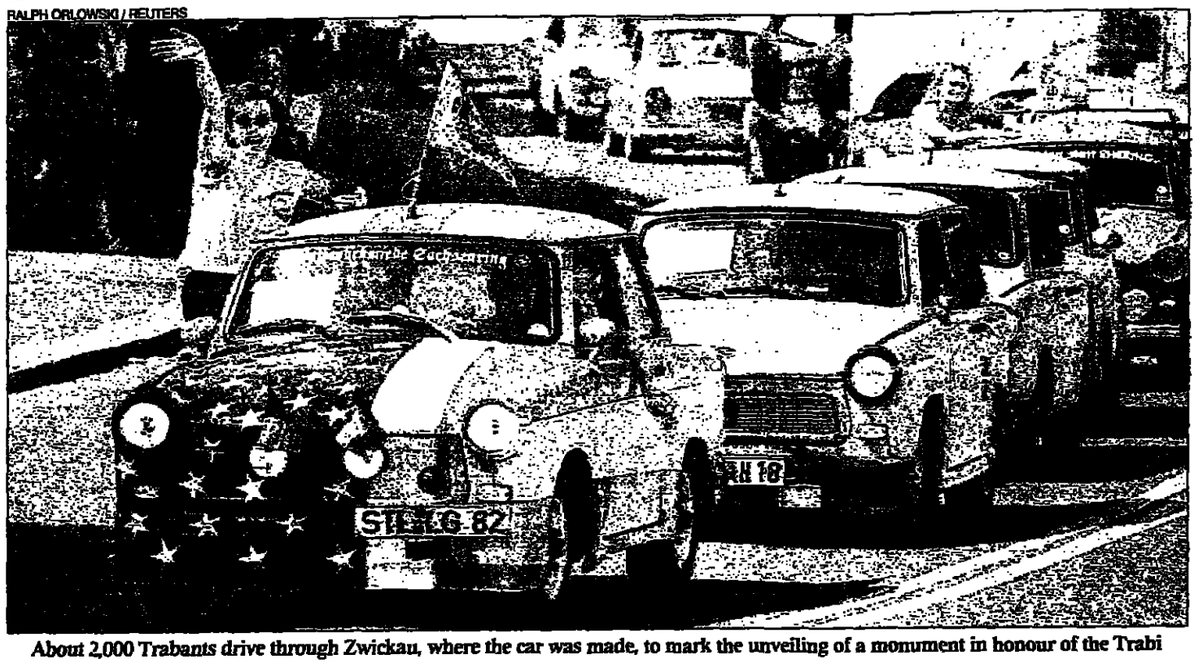
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■ Bill Gates, the chairman of Microsoft, has topped *Forbes* magazine's list of the world's richest people for the fourth straight year, with his net worth jumping 40 per cent from a year ago to $51 billion (£31.8 billion). The wealthiest individual behind Mr Gates is Warren Buffett, the investor, at number three, with $33 billion..... Page 14

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About 2,000 Trabants drive through Zwickau, where the car was made, to mark the unveiling of a monument in honour of the Trabi

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The European Union's insistence on negotiating only with the Greek Cypriots is perplexing. It is true that the northern Turkish-controlled zone is only recognised by Turkey and Pakistan, but any solution must involve both entities

— La Repubblica, Rome



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■ **ARTS**
The pastel paintings of Paula Rego go on show at the Dulwich Picture Gallery

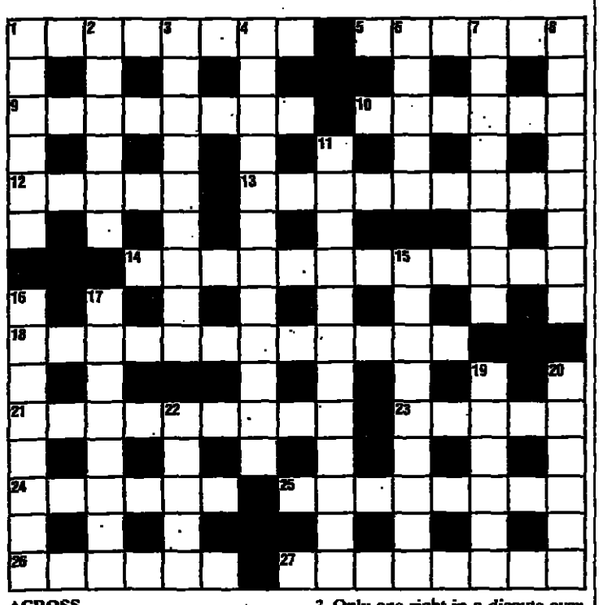
■ **LAW**
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THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

1, 14, 27, 31, 38, 47. Bonus 32

Seven share the £8.2 million jackpot, receiving £1,182,337 each. Fourteen with five balls plus bonus scoop £181,898 each; 1,103 with five numbers win £1,442 each; 49,962 match four numbers to win £70 each; 909,504 win £10 for three numbers

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ACROSS

1 Drink too much of it, and identify photos as such? (8).
5 Assurance we got from the French (6).
9 Sort of letter one gets before the 16th? (8).
10 Minimal cover in bomb test site (6).
12 Crude transport worker initially has no time for (5).
13 Aquatic creature left in sandbank is beginning to hatch (9).
14 Erroneous belief of Peele and Bennett (3,5,4).
18 Doctor organising birth notice, as husband is absent? (12).
21 Stories written with method as entertainment (5,4).
23 Writer, with limited energy, returned to work (5).
24 Young female animal in lair (6).
25 German, it might appear, who lives abroad? (8).
26 Feel sure everyone's included for dancing (6).
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2 Writer frames end of novel with difficulty (6).
3 Only one right in a dispute over the French painting (9).
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6 Friend enclosing greeting in bottle (5).
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8 Fellow a cruel captain initially harmed (8).
11 Such an aggressive female views romance as silly (12).
15 Refuse to feed such an animal? (9).
16 Wooden spoon, perhaps, for this group of sportsmen (4,4).
17 Support from Poles scattered around America (8).
19 Chirpy type in US Intelligence is a bounder (6).
20 Girl about to make lace trimming for figure (6).
22 Breed fish, say (5).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,823 will appear on Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

Solution to Qualifier Puzzle No 20815

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Moon sets: 7.16 pm — Moon rises: 3.47 am
New moon June 24
London 9.22 pm to 4.44 am
Bristol 9.31 pm to 4.54 am
Edinburgh 10.03 pm to 4.27 am
Manchester 9.42 pm to 4.40 am
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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a fresher day with some sunshine and chance of a shower. The south west will cloud over later, heralding overnight rain. Scotland will have sunny spells and showers. Some sunshine over Northern Ireland after early showers.
☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E England, E Anglia:** cloudy, then sunny spells and slight chance of a shower. Moderate SW wind. Max 22C (72F).
☐ **E&W Midlands, N Wales, NW, Cent N, NE England, Lakes, IoM:** cloudy start, then sunny spells and risk of showers. Moderate SW wind. Max 19C (63-66F).
☐ **Channel Is, SW England, S Wales:** cloudy, then sunny spells. Moderate SW wind. Max 18C (64F).
☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** sunny spells and showers. Moderate SW wind. Max 18C (64F).
☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny spells and showers. Moderate SW wind. Max 17C (63F).
☐ **N Ireland:** sunny spells and a small chance of a shower, clouding over this evening. Moderate SW wind. Max 18C (64F).
☐ **Outlook:** cloudy and breezy tomorrow with rain spreading across much of the country.
☐ **Pollen forecast:** moderate in Scotland, N Ireland, NW England; high in the rest of the country.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

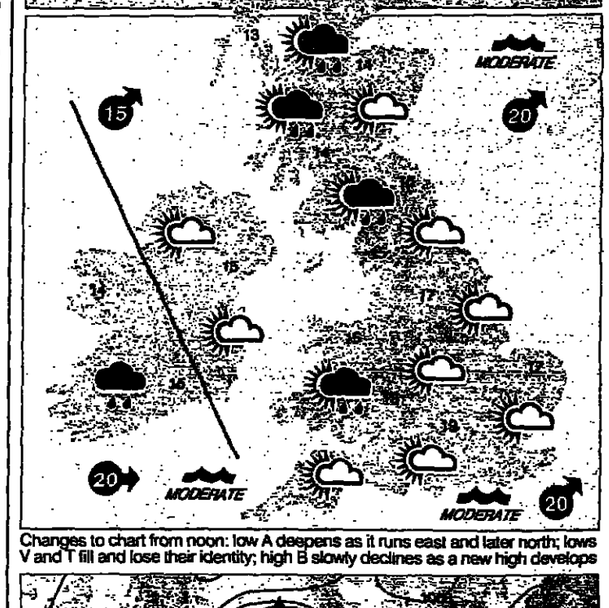
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Aspatria	7.8	0.02	19	66	s	Lerwick	0.1	0.49	14	57	r
Aviemore	6.2	0.01	20	68	s	Leuchars	X				
Belfast	7.2	0.41	19	66	s	Littlehmptn	10.5	-	21	70	s
Birmingham	9.5	-	22	72	s	London	13.7	-	27	81	s
Bognor R.	11.5	-	22	72	s	Lowestoft	10.8	-	26	79	s
Bournem'th	14.8	-	23	73	s	Manchester	5.3	0.01	21	70	s
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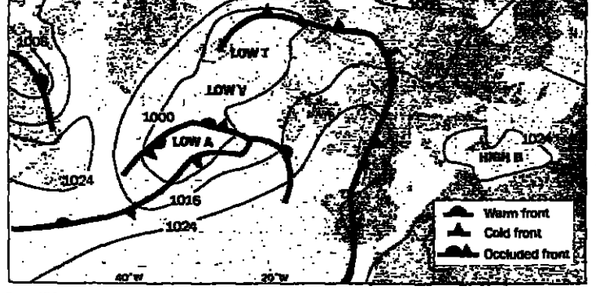
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Cairo	33	91	s	Lisbon	24	75	s	Reykjavik	9	48	r
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Temperatures at midday local time on Saturday. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart from noon: low A deepens as it runs east and later north; lows V and T fill and lose their identity; high B slowly declines as a new high develops



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	10:41	4.0	23:21	4.0	Liverpool	8:24	8.8	21:00	8.8
Avonmouth	4:10	12.0	16:42	12.0	London Bridge	11:15	6.9	23:36	6.7
Belfast	8:09	3.3	20:48	3.3	Lowestoft	6:53	2.3	18:48	2.4
Cardiff	3:56	11.1	16:28	11.2	Margate	9:16	4.5	21:25	4.5
Devonport	2:34	5.1	15:12	5.2	Milford Haven	3:15	6.3	15:48	6.3
Dover	8:17	6.1	20:40	6.3	Newquay	2:13	6.3	14:45	6.4
Dublin	8:51	4.0	21:33	4.0	Oban	3:11	3.5	15:36	3.4
Falmouth	2:05	4.9	14:43	5.0	Penzance	1:38	5.0	14:12	5.0
Greenock	9:46	3.2	22:09	3.2	Portland	3:31	1.7	18:07	1.8
Harwich	9:08	3.6	21:36	3.7	Portsmouth	8:40	4.3	21:09	4.6
Holyhead	7:31	5.3	20:09	5.2	Shoreham	8:21	5.7	20:51	6.1
Hull (Albert D)	3:30	8.0	15:42	8.2	Southampton	7:56	4.2	20:27	4.5
Ilfracombe	3:00	8.4	15:31	8.4	Swansea	3:21	8.6	15:54	8.6
King's Lynn	3:38	5.9	15.46	6.1	Tees	0:44	5.1	13:00	5.2
Leith	11:54	5.2	-	-	Walton-On-Naze	9:05	4.0	21:22	4.0

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Gravesend, Kent, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Lusa, Isle of Skye, 0.79in; highest sunshine: Bournemouth and Teignmouth, 14.8hr

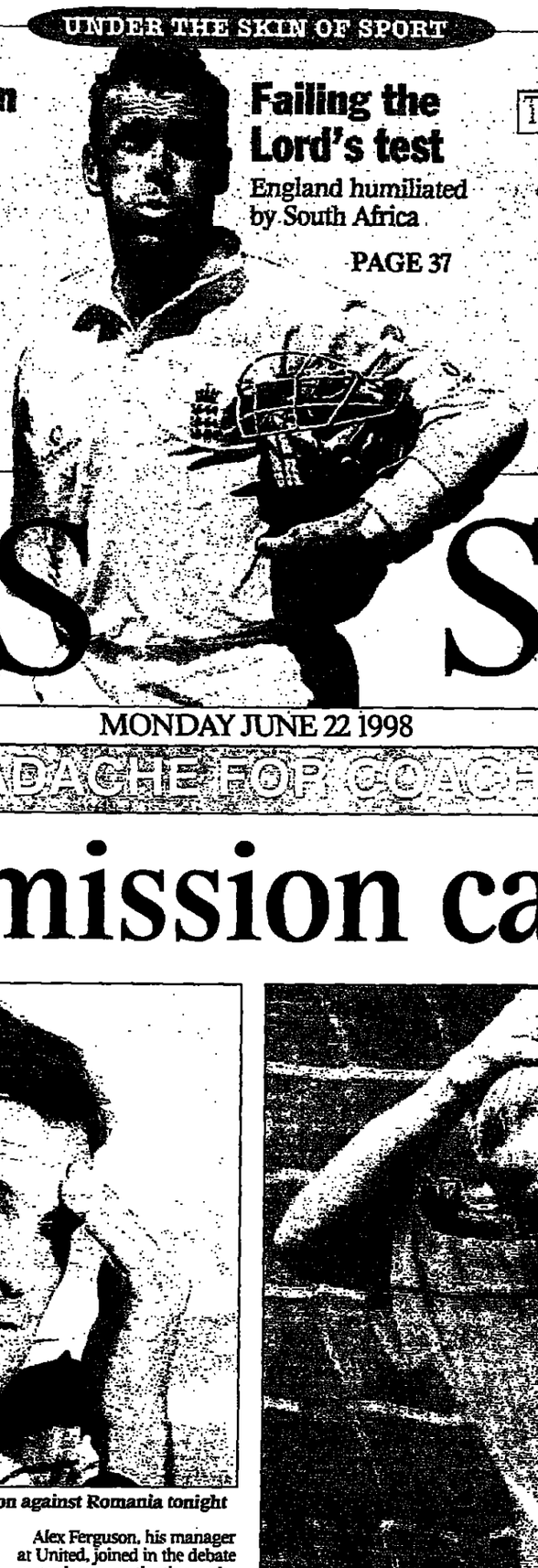
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SELECTION HEADACHE FOR COACH AND PLAYERS

Beckham omission casts shadow

FROM OLIVER HOLT
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN TOULOUSE

THE sun was shining in through the window, lighting up a golden circle on the wooden floor of the sports hall. Tony Adams moved his chair into the shade and muttered something about not wanting to sit in "the hot seat". Then, he turned his attention to the pressure that he and the rest of the England team will face in their group G showdown with Romania here today. "It introduces a man to himself," Adams said.

The Arsenal captain will have the chance to delve even deeper into the shadows of his psyche in the Stade Municipale tonight when he pits his wits against Viorel Moldovan and Adrian Ilie, a striker whose predatory skills have earned him the nickname, The Cobra. Paul Ince and David Batty will have to stop the incursions of Gheorghe Hagi. Graeme Le Saux will be up against his Chelsea teammate, Dan Petrescu.

They will all be playing at the height of their senses in the biggest game any of them have experienced, a tie that will almost certainly decide who wins the group and goes into the slightly easier bottom half of the World Cup draw, and who comes second and goes into the top half and a probable second-round meeting with Argentina.

The only real question mark hanging over the starting line-up last night was whether Gareth Southgate would recover from an ankle injury in time to play. He trained yesterday morning before the team set off for Toulouse but not yesterday evening. Hoddle said he was fit, that he was waiting to see if there was any adverse reaction in the ankle this morning. If Southgate is not fit, Gary Neville will get the opportunity he deserves in his place.

It will be a tough game, a match against seasoned World Cup veterans who are playing for their pride and in the cussid belief that England have usurped their position as group favourites without having done anything to deserve it. It is the sort of occasion that will make men out of players like Paul Scholes and Sol Campbell. But it is not likely to make a man out of the Golden Boy.

This was to have been the tournament where David Beckham came of age, where the talent he has blazed across the FA Carling Premiership with Manchester United began to be soldered in the white heat of the World Cup, the sort of intense competition that makes a player grow up quickly and might have matured his game more than an entire season of domestic football ever could.

Beckham seemed to be ripe for the challenge, ready to move his football on to a higher level just as his United team-mate, Ryan Giggs, has done. That, partly, is why he was so devastated when Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, shocked the nation and his squad by leaving Beckham on the sidelines for the opening game against Tunisia.

But despite a week of soul-searching from Beckham and a thinly-veiled plea to Hoddle to be given a chance against Romania here, all the signs last night were that there was to be no reprieve for him tonight, that Hoddle would persist with the Tottenham Hotspur midfield player, Darren Anderton, who was England's poorest performer a week ago.

Because Beckham makes such an unlikely misfit, because everything he has touched until now has turned to gold, his plight is fast becoming the most poignant aspect of England's World Cup adventure, something that is overshadowing the build-up even to hugely important games like this one in the sultry heat of the South of France.

The reaction to his treatment of Beckham has shown what it would have been like had he brought Paul Gascoigne here and not played him. It has created a cause célèbre out of one player's misfortune, a crusade to wage for those who feel the United midfield player is being wronged and misused.

Late last week, Hoddle reacted angrily to questions about his treatment of Beckham, wondering at how he could be criticised for his team selection when England had just won their opening game 2-0. He has a point but then again, against Tunisia England would almost certainly have scored more goals if Beckham had been on in the later stages and Anderton's lack of match practice is more likely to be exposed against a team of the calibre of the Romanians.

Alex Ferguson, his manager at United, joined in the debate yesterday, castigating the England authorities for exposing Beckham to the glare of the media as he tried to come to terms with his disappointment and questioning Hoddle's judgment in discarding him for Anderton, a player whose fitness may still be in doubt and whose goalscoring contribution is negligible.

Beckham looked out of sorts again in training last night, inaccurate with his practice shots while others like Shearer and Scholes were bulging the net from all angles. He grimaced in obvious pain on one occasion when he took a wild swing at a cross with his left foot and missed the ball completely. Rumours persist that he is carrying some form of injury.

"I am not going to answer any questions about the controversy surrounding Beckham," Hoddle said last night. "I will give an answer to what Alex has said after the game. I am not going to get involved in that now. I have got more important things to worry about. I am focused on Romania and so are the rest of the players.

"I have not read any articles about what Alex has said. I would not be doing my job right if I was worrying about what someone said about me or about the team. It does not worry me one bit. It just saddens me that there are no questions about a very important game on the eve of it. It is disappointing from you guys."

A bead of sweat trickled down his brow as he spoke and he complained about the heat. Perhaps the England coach, too, is being introduced to himself as this World Cup warms up.



A perplexed Hoddle seems likely to persist with Anderton against Romania tonight



Beckham, surprisingly omitted by Hoddle from the opening match, seemed out of sorts in training yesterday

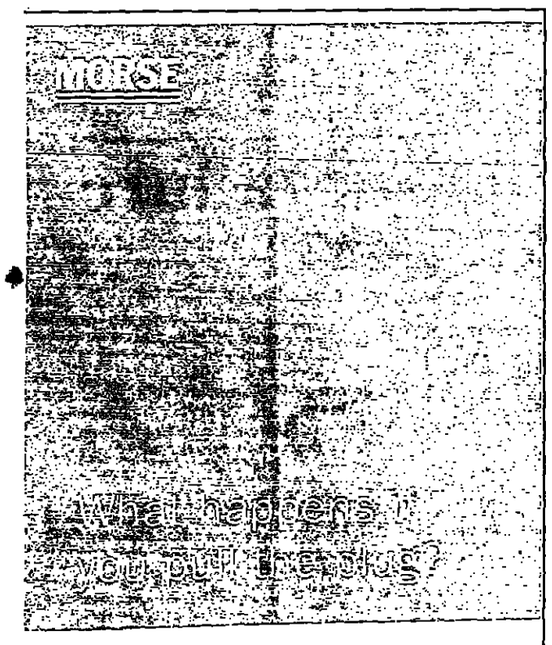
TEAMS

ROMANIA (probable; 5-3-2): B Stelea (Salamanca) — D Petrescu (Chelsea), L Ciobotariu (Dinamo Bucharest), Gheorghe Popescu (Galatasaray), I Filipescu (Galatasaray), T Selymes (Anderlecht) — D Munteanu (FC Cologne), G Hagi (Galatasaray), Gabriel Popescu (Salamanca) — V Moldovan (Coventry City), A Ilie (Valencia).

ENGLAND (probable; 3-4-1-2): D Seaman (Arsenal) — G Neville (Manchester United), A Adams (Arsenal), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur) — D Anderton (Tottenham Hotspur), P Ince (Liverpool), D Batty (Newcastle United), G Le Saux (Chelsea) — P Scholes (Manchester United) — E Sheringham (Manchester United), A Shearer (Newcastle United).

Referee: M Batta (Fr).

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German weaknesses are exposed

GERMANY 2 (Tarnat 73, Bierhoff (80)) YUGOSLAVIA 2 (Stankovic (13), Stojkovic (54))
(Lens, 40,775)

FROM DAVID POWELL

OLIVIER MORIN



Klinsmann is carried off unconscious after being kicked in the head during Germany's 2-2 draw against Yugoslavia in Lens yesterday

THE common thread running through Germany's three World Cup triumphs has been broken. On their way to winning the tournament in 1954, 1974 and 1990, West Germany beat Yugoslavia on each occasion. Nor is it only the omens that speak badly for Germany's prospects this time around. The inadequacy of their football yesterday reinforced the message.

Two goals down with 17 minutes left, Germany needed a fortunate deflection to get back into the match after Yugoslavia had outplayed them for the first hour. Not until the 62nd minute did Germany force Ivica Kralj, the Yugoslavia goalkeeper, into a save.

So disgusted was Berti Vogts, the Germany coach, at half-time that he brought on Lothar Matthäus for the second half. Matthäus, 37, thus equalled the record of appearing in five World Cups, held by Antonio Carbajal, the Mexico goalkeeper in the Fifties and Sixties.

Matthäus, though, was only ever likely to be called on in desperation or if Germany were cruising and so inept were Germany in the first half that Vogts hit the panic button. Matthäus replaced Dietmar Hamann to register his 22nd World Cup finals match. In doing so, Matthäus broke the record that he shared with Uwe Seeler, his countryman, Wladyslaw Zmuda, of Poland, and Diego Maradona, of Argentina. Vogts was not done yet, taking off Andreas Möller and Christian Ziege early in the second half.

"During the first 65 minutes, I was angry with my players, some of whom did not seem to realise they were playing a game in the World Cup," Vogts said. "With the introduction of new players, we managed to turn what had seemed the impossible into the possible."

The replacement of Ziege with Michael Tarnat soon brought reward. Seven minutes after the substitution, Tarnat's blistering free kick from beyond 30 yards took a wicked deflection off the outstretched knee of Sinisa Mihajlovic and gave Kralj no chance. A metamorphosis was taking place. Germany, having betrayed their history with an indisciplined performance, now went at Yugoslavia with verve and panache.

Bierhoff headed the eighteenth-minute equaliser unchallenged from a corner and, had Kralj not shown outstanding athleticism to push another header from Bierhoff on to the bar, Germany would have been celebrating the comeback of the tournament so far.

Vogts was thankful for "the superb condition of the German players". It was ironic that Germany, an ageing team widely regarded as too old for this World Cup, should have played their best football, their only football, towards the end.

Yugoslavia were two goals up after 54 minutes and the gap might have been wider. Milosevic had been dropped to make way for Stankovic, 19, who played in an attacking midfield role. In the opposing attack was Klinsmann, 33, seeing out his international days at this World Cup.

The first half saw little of Klinsmann and a good deal of Stankovic, who is joining Lazio next season from Red Star Belgrade. Though he was credited for the first goal, after 13 minutes, his role appeared to be more in the confusion he caused the German defence than in any connection he made with the ball.

When Mijatovic played the ball into the Germany penalty box, Köpke was caught in two minds: whether to try to cut it out or to stand ground and see what Stankovic, running on, did with it. In the end, Köpke did neither and, as Stankovic got the faintest of touches, the ball brushed off the goalkeeper's knee and Jeremies, dashing back to defend, was unable to prevent it crossing the line.

Köpke dived to keep out a shot from Petrovic as Yugoslavia rarely put a pass astray and delighted with their flicks and dribbles. Jokanovic's cross-field pass set up Jugovic for a shot that forced Köpke low.

Köpke was to blame for the second Yugoslavia goal, letting a cross from Kovacevic slip under his body into the path of Stojkovic, who poked in the loose ball from a yard.

Klinsmann was carried away unconscious on a stretcher, but soon recovered and will be in contention for a place in the final group match against Iran. Yugoslavia play the United States. The group winners are prospective opponents for England in the quarter-finals.

Germany have eight coaches in France, faxing reports of every match to headquarters. The team is staying in a hotel that makes England's look second-rate, one with 25 swimming pools. The players are issued with specific instructions down to every detail. They were reminded before coming here, for example, to bring their flip-flops. They have left nothing to chance, except results. On the evidence here, that is where it could all fall down.

GERMANY (3-5-2): A Köpke (Marseilles) — C Wörns (Paris Saint-Germain), O Thon (Schalke 04), J Kohler (Borussia Dortmund) — J Heinrich (Borussia Dortmund), A Möller (Borussia Dortmund; sub: U Kirsten, Bayer Leverkusen, 58min), D Hamann (Bayern Munich, sub: L Matthäus, Bayern Munich, 46), J Jeremies (Munich 1860), C Ziege (AC Milan; sub: M Tarnat, Bayern Munich, 67) — J Klinsmann (Tottenham Hotspur), O Bierhoff (Udinese).

YUGOSLAVIA (3-5-2): I Kralj (Partisan Belgrade) — G Djorovic (Celta Vigo), S Mihajlovic (Sampdoria), Z Petrovic (Urawa Red Diamonds; sub: M Stevic, Munich 1860, 74) — S Komljenovic (MSV Duisburg), D Stankovic (Lazio, sub: D Govedanca, Lecce, 68), D Stojkovic (Nagoya Grampus Eight), V Jugovic (Lazio), S Jokanovic (Tenerife) — D Kovacevic (Real Sociedad, sub: P Ognjenovic, Red Star Belgrade, 58), P Mijatovic (Real Madrid).

Referee: M Nielsen (Denmark)

Ortega shows that it is men against Boyz

ARGENTINA 5 (Ortega (32, 56), Batistuta (73, 79, 83 pen)) JAMAICA 0
(Parc des Princes, 48,500)

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

ALAS, poor Reggae Boyz: butchered at the Parc des Princes. It would have been difficult enough for this patched-up but gallant team to leap the abyss in class in the most favourable circumstances, but when Darryl Powell, the Derby County player, was sent off in first-half injury time for picking up a second yellow card, the ultimate in a sustained series of fouls on the elusive Ariel Ortega, the mountain became an Everest.

Until then, after an uneasy start, in which Ortega danced past an infinity of defenders and the game was pregnant with Argentina goals, Jamaica settled down to play some remarkably enterprising, effective football. Paul Hall could scarcely be too highly praised for the way in which he ran, challenged, twisted, turned and competed not only in the first half, when he had a lively Deon Burton up there to help him, but in the second, when he had to survive as best he could, on his own.

Now that Argentina have done with the early rabbit-killing, we may get a better idea of their prowess when they take on Croatia in their third and final group H game. Certainly, the team brims over with talent. Not for nothing has Ortega been called a miniature Maradona. He has the happiest of feet, covers large areas of ground, is not afraid to hold the ball and can pass it with the best of them, when he chooses. He scored two of the goals, made the first of Gabriel Batistuta's three and might fairly be termed irrepressible. When, late in the game, Marcelo Gallado, 22, of River Plate, though for how long it remains to be seen, joined the fray, there were two quicksilver little men to torment the much-tried Jamaica defence.

René Simoes, Jamaica's philosophical Brazilian coach, said: "I don't care about my reputation. I say, let players play the game, show how skilful they are." True, Argentina might have gone ahead as early as the first minute when Batistuta's left-foot shot was beaten out by Warren Barrett, the resourceful Jamaican keeper. Six minutes later, he thwarted Sensini, eventually obliged to leave the field, on his near post.

When, on the quarter-hour, Ortega tried him with a long lob, he caught that, into the bargain. Next, Claudio Lopez's header was dealt with by Barrett yet again.

How long could it go on?

Barrett frustrated Ortega again, after the little fellow had gone by Frank Sinclair, but, after 32 minutes, the inevitable happened. A goal was scored — and scored by Ortega.

Juan Verón, another clever midfield player, played a neat one-two with Simeone, then gave it to Ortega, who ran on to score.

When Powell went off, it was plain that the game was up for Jamaica. They did what they could, but, by the end, were chasing shadows. Ten minutes into the second half, Ortega played a one-two with Lopez, his Valencia colleague, and elegantly scored the second goal.

The longer the depleted Jamaicans had to hold out, the more inevitable it became that the goals were to go past them. Even the indomitable and resilient Ian Goodison could not, in the end, avoid the deluge. Simeone had a shot kicked off the line by Ricardo Gardener, but between the 72nd and the 82nd minutes, Batistuta weighed in with a hat-trick.

When Ortega found him on the right, his own low, right-foot shot tore past Barrett. Seven minutes later, receiving from Simeone, Batistuta's devastating right foot drove past Barrett again, although the goalkeeper bravely got his hands to the ball. In the next minute, he saved a shot from Ortega, but, when Batistuta sent Ortega through and Dawes brought down the Jamaicans' chief tormentor, Batistuta put away the penalty.

It spoke volumes for Jamaica's morale that, seven minutes from the end, Gardener should move up to head Boyd's left-wing free kick not all that far above the bar. A token gesture, perhaps, but, for once, tokenism had its virtues.

ARGENTINA (3-5-2): C Roa (Real Mallorca) — R Ayala (Atlético Madrid), J Chamot (Lazio), R Sensini (Internazionale; sub: M Voas, Lugano, 28min) — J Zanetti (Internazionale), M Almeyda (Lazio), D Simeone (Internazionale; sub: H Pineda, Udinese, 79), J Verón (Sampdoria), A Ortega (Valencia) — C Lopez (Valencia; sub: M Gallardo, River Plate, 69), G Batistuta (Fiorentina)

JAMAICA (3-5-2): W Barrett (Molet Kickers) — I Goodison (Olympic Gardens), F Sinclair (Chelsea), C Dawes (Galaxy) — D Powell (Derby County), S Malcolm (Seba United; sub: W Boyd, Arnett Gardens, 69), F Simpson (Portsmouth), T Whitmore (Seba United; sub: R Earle, Wimbledon, 69), R Gardener (Harbour View) — D Burton (Derby County; sub: P Cargill, Harbour View, 46), P Hall (Portsmouth)

Referee: R Pedersen (Norway)



Stojkovic celebrates his goal. Photograph: Shaun Botterill

Paying high price for failure

WORLD CUP DIARY

SUCCESS brings applause, failure brings dismissal. The eternal truth of football is particularly true in the World Cup and, as the first teams are eliminated from the tournament, so their coaches start to fall.

First to pay the price, on Saturday, was Carlos Alberto Parreira, who coached his native Brazil to the title in 1994, but was less successful with Saudi Arabia. His team has been eliminated from these finals after defeats by Denmark and France.

The Saudi Arabian federation apologised to its supporters for "failing to achieve their wishes and aspirations, and prayed to God that those aspirations would be reached in the future".

Parreira had been in charge only since December and was the country's ninth coach in three years. He said: "This is not the way to build a team to be very successful. We tried our best and did not succeeed in making the second round."

Yesterday, it was the turn of Cha Bum-Kun, of South Korea, after a 3-1 loss to Mexico and the 5-0 humiliation by Holland on Saturday night. He will be replaced by his assistant, Kim Pyong-Sok, for the team's final game, against Belgium, on Saturday.

The Korean federation is especially embarrassed by its team's performances because the country will be co-hosting the 2002 finals with Japan.

☐ Football is not all about rivalry. It is also about co-operation and even love on some occasions. A Brazilian and Norwegian, who are in France to support their countries, will get married on the pitch in Marseilles on Tuesday before the kick-off of the match between their two countries.

Fifa had originally turned down the request by Oivind Ekeland, 28, and his fiancée, Rosangela de Souza, 29, to have the ceremony in the Stade Vélodrome but then changed its mind.

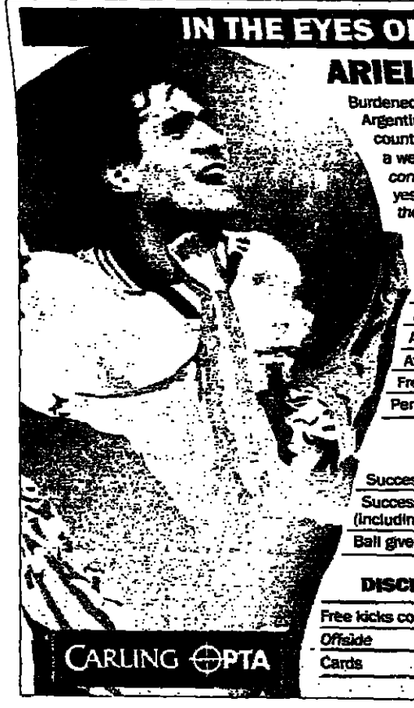
Keith Cooper, a Fifa spokesman, said: "We are always talking about bringing people together. This is something that we think reflects the positive side of the game."

☐ On the subject of love, more than a quarter of Israelis believe that the World Cup finals have affected their sex lives. A survey revealed that 26 per cent complained that time watching up to three matches a day had reduced the number of times they had had sex. The figure would no doubt be even higher if Israel had qualified for the finals.

IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD

ARIEL ORTEGA (Argentina)

Burdened with being the new Maradona is inevitable for any Argentina No.10 but Ortega will have a big say in his country's bid to win a third World Cup. Two goals against a weak side may be inconclusive but his elusive ball control was too much for the outclassed Jamaicans yesterday. These exclusive Carling Opta statistics tell the tale of his capital performance at Parc des Princes.



PENETRATION	
Goals	2
Attempts on target	4
Attempts off target	1
Attempts blocked	0
Free kicks won	5
Penalties won	1

EFFICIENCY	
Successful passes in opposition half	30
Successful passes into opposition penalty area (including crosses and corners)	3
Ball given away in own half	1

DISCIPLINE		SECURITY	
Free kicks conceded	1	Tackles won	1
Offside	0	Tackles lost	0
Cards	0		

Minutes on pitch: 90

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Owen, right, was a rather belated tactical substitution for Sheringham by Hoddle, centre, in the Tunisia match. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Waiting game looks flawed

Rob Hughes believes the England coach needs to be more aware of the value of tactical substitutions

The tournament rhythm is running somewhere ahead of England, with most teams having shaped their destiny over two games, while England do not play their second match until this evening. There is comfort in that, because Saudi Arabia and South Korea have already fired their coaches, Carlos Alberto Parreira and Cha Bum-Kun.

Glenn Hoddle is surely safe, at least until tonight, but, as the temperatures rise, the tensions and the red cards too, there is disquiet about whether the England coach has full grasp of the 14-man game that the wilier coaches are playing to perfection.

Wherever you look, teams are making tactical substitutions that can turn sides from the edge of weariness into regalvanised forces. Think back, and it seems so very long ago, to England against Tunisia in Marseilles. One substitution, Michael Owen coming on five minutes from the end for Teddy Sheringham, was all that Hoddle deemed necessary or desirable.

True, England finished with that memorable Paul Scholes goal, but fuller analysis of what was happening towards the end of that hot afternoon was that England, for the most part too strong and too gifted for Tunisia, were suddenly treading water. It was, after all, on the Mediterranean coast, closer in climate to England's opponents.

Why did Hoddle not give Owen more time to acclimatise, longer to gauge the pace and emotional demands of a tournament in which his own acceleration could be pivotal to England's cause? Sheringham was clearly fatigued for at least 20 minutes in that second half and, similarly, David Beckham might have been expected to freshen up the right flank, where Darren Anderton, after a season so debilitated by injury, was labouring.

Hoddle's task, he makes perfectly plain, is to ignore penetrating questions from the media. "I'm not here to debate with you why I selected Anderton ahead of Beckham," he said sharply to a French television interviewer moments after the victory. Sir Alf Ramsey would have been proud of such insouciance — and Ramsey was knighted for winning the World Cup, despite his "cold" public image. He merely sat like stone, kept his decisions to himself and his players and won the thing.

Yet he, too, was slow on the uptake in the matter of substitutions. Some critics still maintain that this contributed to England surrendering the World Cup in León, Mexico, in 1970. England were playing West Germany again and Franz Beckenbauer, freeing himself from his marking role on Bobby Charlton, scored when England were clearly dissipated under the Mexican sun. After that, a delayed reaction if ever there was one, Ramsey took off Charlton, thus losing the most creative player in the team, and leaving an obviously distressed Terry Cooper at left back to struggle in the heat.

The game has progressed apace, in physical, mental and perhaps tactical appreciation. But Hoddle confessed, after Chelsea lost the 1996 FA Cup semi-final against Manchester United, that a quicker substitution from him could have prevented defeat.

Terry Phelan, his left back, was almost unable to move through injury, yet the coach, Hoddle, dithered unforgivably and in that time Andy Cole sped behind the stranded Phelan to equalise — and Manchester United gained the vital impetus.

Hoddle is the first to say that everyone, he especially, is in a learning process. He should look around him. In the first match of the tournament, Brazil, running into Scottish stubbornness, brought on Denilson to replace Bebeto, and almost at once Denilson's dancing feet, his fresh joy on the left, unhinged the Scottish rearguard, contributing to Brazil's winning goal.

The Italian media are on the back of Cesare Maldini, who they consider to be too old and out of touch. Against Chile, Maldini changed the course of a game that Italy were losing by replacing Roberto di Matteo with Luigi di Biagio; and in the second game against Cameroon, the same beleaguered coach strengthened Italy's morale by replacing Roberto Baggio with Alessandro del Piero.

Austria, staying in the tournament through late goals, also have substitutions to thank for getting thus far. So do Mexico who, with three substitutions against South Korea, came from a goal down to win 3-1.

Of course, this is not a coach's game, it is a player's. Mexico have surprised with their two sharp forwards, Hernández and Blanco, who have already left memorable marks on the tournament. More memorable yet was the transformation of Holland, who, after being held by Belgium, made three changes in personnel and changed the roles of four players before beating South Korea 5-0 on Saturday. Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach, has already used 17 of his 22-man squad.

Hiddink has given a taste of the tournament, in two vastly contrasting games, to players who will grow through this experience and who will not be brooding in the camp. England must now do the same so that players are not sitting in silence while players in front of them are wilting.

Talking of wiliness, can anyone beat Bora Milutinovic? He is enjoying his fourth World Cup with a fourth different nation. Nigeria had prefaced this World Cup with a 5-1 defeat by Holland that reportedly led to Nigeria's head of state threatening to remove him.

Before the opening Nigeria match, the first of two victories, Milutinovic spoke to a photographer on the touchline. "My friend," he said, "you have seen the fisherman with his bait and with the hook in the mouth of the fish. Watch Nigeria go now."

Bad luck may give me ticket to Romania



People have been speculating all week about whether Gareth Southgate will be fit for the match today against Romania and whether I would take his place if he is not. I haven't asked the medical people in the England camp about his injury because it is not the professional thing to do and I haven't spoken to Gareth.

It would be easy to be tempted into trying to watch his progress all week to gauge what chance I have of playing, but, as I said last time, I honestly do not think about it like that. I try not to consider how other people are playing or what their level of fitness is. I just concentrate on doing my own job and playing as well as I can in training and make sure that, if somebody else has bad luck, I am ready to take advantage of my good luck.

It has happened to me before. When I was trying to break into the Manchester United team four or five years ago, Paul Parker was the first choice right back. He was a brilliant player in a brilliant team, he had played for England in the World Cup semi-finals in 1990 and he was still in the England side. I was thinking: "How am I going to get in here?"

I knew I was going to struggle to get into that team while he was still playing to those standards, but then he got an horrendous ankle injury that kept him out for about 18 months and I played the last 25 to 30 games of the first season that he was out. He rarely played for United again. I got my chance and I have never looked back from that moment.

Paul Parker's bad luck was the start of my career, but I still would not wish it on anybody. I have been lucky with injuries since then, touch wood, but you never know what will happen. Perhaps I will have some bad luck and somebody will profit from that. I have got people like John Curtis pressuring me at United. That is just the way it is in football.

Of course, I desperately want to play against Romania. When you are left out, it stops you doing something you love. It is not as if the games are coming every two or three days. It is a long time to wait for your next opportunity and it is worse if you have been half-expecting to play, as I was.

I missed out in the 1996 FA Cup Final, but I came on for two or three minutes right at the end and that made me feel part of it. I never even touched the ball, but I marked a few players, ran around and got a sweat on and that was enough. I could say that I had appeared in the Cup Final at least.

> 'When you are left out, it stops you doing something you love'

If I do play against Romania, I know it will be tough. We have had two 45-minute sessions of watching videos of them and they look excellent in attack. I tend to pay particular attention to their forwards and Adrian Ilie, Viorel Moldovan and Gheorghe Hagi are top-class performers. It will probably be our most difficult game in group G.

I always take the attitude going into a game that I need to know as much as possible about the opposition. Every international forward has got a trick or a run that they do regularly and you can usually spot them on the video. The boss will play bits back for us sometimes and it can point out weaknesses in the team you are playing as well as strengths.

On one hand, we might look at whether a particular team prefers to attack down one side or another. On the other hand, you might discover that a team has a left-footed right centre back, for instance, so you try to force the ball out to him with the idea that the delivery to the forward players or into midfield will not be of the same calibre.

By the end of those sessions, everybody in the squad, not just the team, knows what their position would be at set pieces if they are called upon. I remember during Euro 96 Terry Venables once asked the 11 players who weren't playing in a particular match who they should be picking up if they came on and it was amazing how many didn't know.

That has never happened again.

I know a lot of the talk this week has been about David Beckham being left out of the starting XI and some of it has been about me, too. The two of us are mates and, of course, we talk about it.

But above all, we realise that there are nine other players in the same boat and nobody should forget them either. Like every one of them, I will be ready if I am given an opportunity.

Cobra warns of deadly bite

Brian Glanville on Adrian Ilie, the striker with his sights trained on England tonight

ADRIAN ILIE, alias The Cobra, is quite confident. Romania will beat England in Toulouse tonight and sweep on into the next round. The 24-year-old star of his team and scorer of the decisive goal against Colombia in Lyon, Ilie exudes optimism.

His nickname, believes Claudio Ranieri, Ilie's Italian coach at Valencia, is well merited: he bites you when you least expect it.

Ilie's transition to Spanish football, where his release clause rates him at £24 million and where he scored a dozen goals in 13 league games, has been remarkably swift. Hardly had he left Steaua Bucharest for Galatasaray in Turkey than he was on the move again, to Spain.

"We've proved that we have a very well integrated team," he said. "We're players of great experience, and youngsters who have shown they can be very effective at this level. I'm sure that we can impose our game on the English. As always, they will be very physical. We, for our part, will be very technical. A clash of styles which can be favourable to us. I'm sure that we can go a long way."

He greatly admires the captain and fulcrum of the team, the 32-year-old, left-footed midfield player, Gheorghe Hagi, who is playing in his last World Cup.

However, he said: "It's futile to compare me already with Hagi, it's too soon, at the moment I'm not even dreaming about it." Hagi generously names Ilie as his natural successor, but Ilie insisted: "We're not the same kind of player, and we play in a different style. On the other hand we complement one another very well."

The goal with which Ilie won the Colombia match was unquestionably well taken, and he could have scored previously on the quarter hour, when only Mondragon, the Colombia goalkeeper, thwarted him.

Ilie's strike partner Viorel Moldovan, the Coventry City forward, was prodigal on a couple of promising occasions, but he says he enjoyed playing alongside Ilie. "Our partnership is getting more and more effective. It was important for the morale of the team to get three points in the first match, because the group has been under enormous pressure for months. We managed to stay ahead despite certain players being tired."

And thereby hangs a tale. Angel Iordanescu, the Romania coach,who will take charge of the Greece national side when the tournament is over,admitted that, in the second half against Colombia: "My players were tired, but they managed to stay ahead."

To those of us who saw that game, Romania were hardly more convincing than Colombia. Hagi was scarcely a dominant figure and when Adolfo Valencia brought his bulk and pace into the Colombia attack after half-time, there were moments when Romania's defence was in trouble.

Certainly it will be helped if England continue to deploy Darren Anderton, so manifestly reluctant to take on and go past his man that most of his crosses come from too deep to be anything but a defender's ball.

Dan Petrescu, who plays for Romania in a largely similar role to the one he fills for Chelsea, at right wing back, felt his team deserved their win against Colombia.

"This first result conditions everything," Petrescu said."Our manager told us that if we applied ourselves, we could win. Now, we take on England. They've come to win the World Cup, but we can stop them. I know their style well, I'm even going to clash with my team-mate, Graeme Le Saux. We shall have to defend in the same way and play on Ilie, Hagi and Moldovan. They can score at any time."

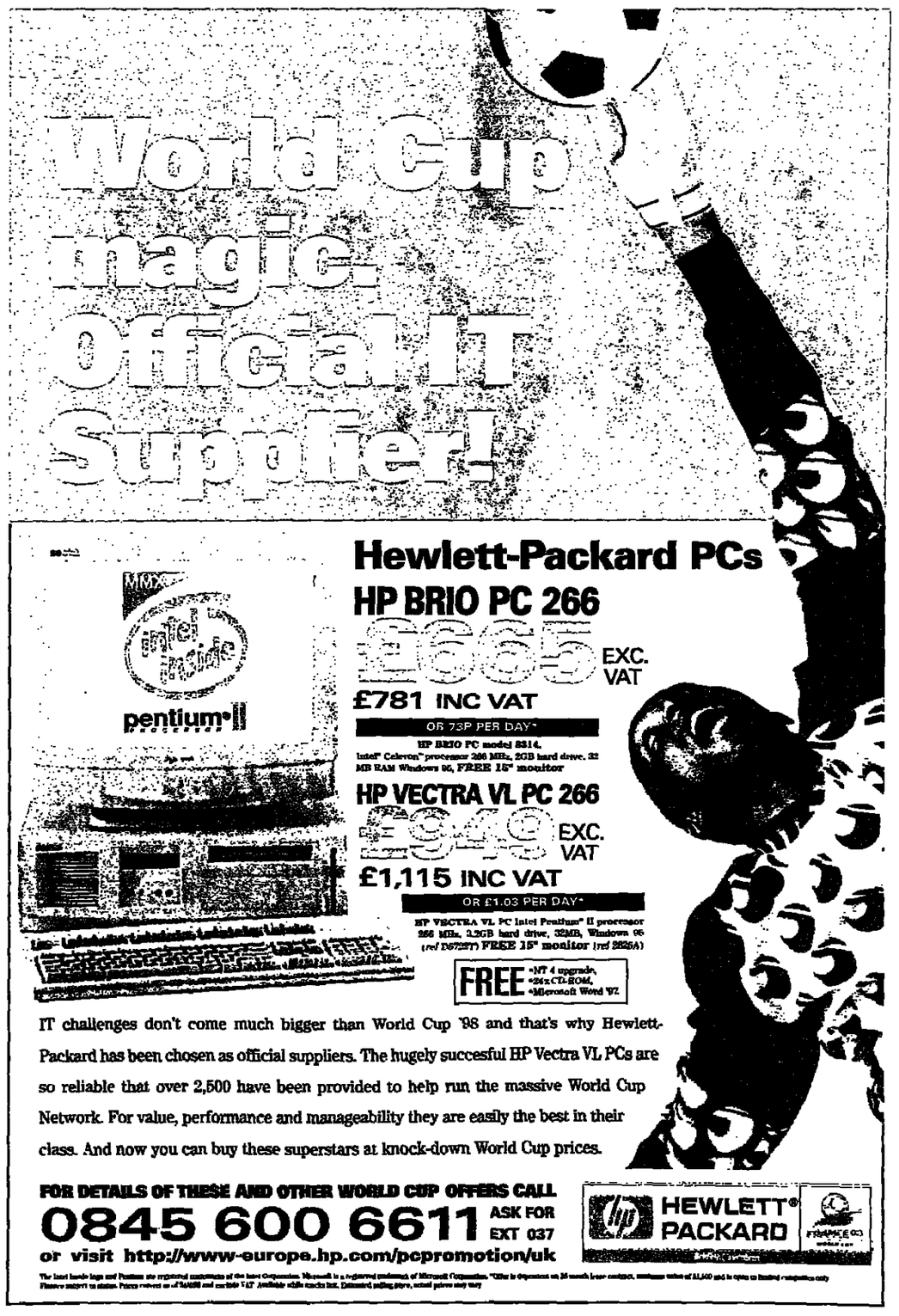
There is no doubt that Ilie's pace could unsettle an England defence that often finds speed difficult to deal with, especially when Martin Keown is not playing.

Romania's own defence is impressively organised by their tall sweeper, 30-year-old Gheorghe Popescu, the ex-Spurs player, who has strength, skill and positional sense. Here again, speed could be a decisive factor; a Michael Owen running at the Romanians could set them many more problems than a Teddy Sheringham loping about just behind the battle line.

Victory over the Colombians may have increased the Romanians' belief in themselves, but Ilie, Hagi, Popescu and Petrescu apart, this is hardly a team that pulls up trees.And if they tired against the modest Columbians, Romania could find England's physical resiliance even more taxing.If The Cobra can be stopped from striking, England should be capable of winning.



Ilie scored Romania's goal in the victory over Colombia



WORLD CUP 98

Burley can give Brown added bite

FROM KEVIN McCARRA IN AVIGNON

THE eyes of the world must be upon Scotland. Paul Lambert found impish fun in telling his team-mates about a phone call that he received concerning his room-mate, Craig Burley. It came from Munich. The rest of the side were impressed to hear of this, envisaging a transfer to Bayern for the Celtic midfield player. Not exactly. The conversation with Lambert involved a different matter.

On the other end of the line had been a Munich dentist. While watching the World Cup on television, he had noticed the large gap in Burley's teeth and wished to offer his services in return for an agreement by the player to come to Germany and host a coaching session for local children. No matter how noble an interest he may take in youth development, Burley will surely not accept the deal.

Having scored the equaliser in the 1-1 draw with Norway last week, he may possess the most famous dental profile of any Scotland player since Joe Jordan in the Seventies. The current side, as a whole, will acquire permanent celebrity if it defeats Morocco tomorrow and finds that the result has been sufficient to take the country through to the second phase of the World Cup for the first time.

Burley will be given the chance to play a prominent part. Craig Brown, the manager, has generally used his height and power in the right wing back role, but Burley should now be moved to his favoured position as an attacking central midfield player.

"I have to use players as I see fit," Brown said. "Our earlier opponents had wide players on their left. Brazil have Roberto Carlos there and Norway have a big man, Riseth, playing in the position. Morocco do not have that and it leaves us free to give Burley a different job if we wish." The manager then outlined other possibilities, but those elaborations were probably intended only to confuse the enemy.

Against Morocco, Scotland may well begin with the team that ended the game against Norway. David Weir would thereby play, now that Colin Calderwood has confirmed that he is in no condition for an immediate return to action after an operation on the broken bones in his hand. Jackie McNamara should also start, on the right flank, in Saint-Etienne.

So vivid has the image of the second-round tie in Marseilles on Saturday become, with Italy as the likely adversaries, that supporters, at least, may be taking Morocco lightly. John Collins, the midfield player, has attempted to reinstate a proper regard for Henri Michel's side. "Morocco are technically gifted and capable throughout the team," he said.

"They are completely different from Norway and they will be trying to hold the ball so they can make us do the running. Mustapha Hadji is the person they look to and I played for Monaco against him, as well as Saber, when he was still with Sporting Lisbon last year. I would like to think that Morocco will just play through him.

"Scotland have had good results against countries that depend on one man. I think, though, that Morocco are more versatile than that. They have two forwards, for example, who make excellent runs. Morocco's style is the same as ours. They also want to keep possession.

"Since they drew with us, Norway have been criticised for a lack of match-fitness, but a lot of that was the result of what Scotland did to them. We forced them to chase.

"If I am asked what it would mean to qualify for the second round, I would say that it would be nice to go back to Monaco and see the expression on the faces of the other players. They expect us to go out early, because all they know about is the results that Scottish clubs have had in Europe. They don't realise that the national team is a bit different."

For most people, the World Cup is a spectacle, but to football clubs it is a marketplace. Rangers are thought to be concluding a deal with Feyenoord to buy Giovanni van Bronckhorst for £4.5 million. The midfield player, 23, is part of the Holland squad.

Symbolism dwarfs match's real meaning



Lyons

THOSE who know the year of the Lake Placid Winter Olympics will be better able to date this story, but some time umpteen years ago I was sitting in Radio City Music Hall in New York, waiting with some excitement to see a stage production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, when the MC made a special sporting announcement. "The latest score from the ice hockey in Lake Placid!" he boomed. "USA are leading USSR 4-3." At which point, the whole audience rose to its feet and cheered.

I have never felt more conspicuous — or indeed, more likely to be denounced as a commie — but what could I do? I didn't care about ice hockey and certainly couldn't regard an ice hockey result as having political significance. Do people now date the crumbling of the Soviet bloc to that surprise defeat? Do they banana. All I could do was pray for this awful moment to fade away. I remember pretending to study my programme, as if life and death depended on memorising the names of all the participating midgets.

Waiting in Lyons for the United States v Iran match brought back that same feeling of incomprehension. Here was a symbolic match, of course, but a match whose outcome would surely mean nothing at all beyond the limits of good or bad football. Having seen Germany thrash the United States last week, it was quite clear that beating America at soccer is not like beating it at, for example, precision bombing or world cultural domination and that to see this match as a battle of ideologies was to overload it grossly, in any case.

Asked this week how he felt about representing the "Great Satan", Frankie Hejduk, the United States midfield player, is supposed to have replied: "What's that?" What did it symbolise about world power that American fans in Lyons were keeping a discreet low profile? Or that the Iranians distributed flags from vans? Nothing. It only told you about the confidence that each country had in its soccer team.

Lyons isn't a place to get worked up about football, but it's quite keen on symbolism, so perhaps that's why we keep talking about it. The Gerland Stadium is always mentioned here in conjunction not with its football but with its architect and its four symbolic Arc de Triomphe entrances. The town is also quite high-handed about symbolism, twisting things to suit the occasion. One of the main fountains, in the Place des Terreaux, is supposed to represent the chariot of revolutionary freedom, which is fair enough, except that it was bought cheap when Bordeaux didn't want it. With a name-change, it did the job. Originally, its lunging steeds symbolised the tributaries of the Garonne and it's obvious once you know.

I got a bit lonely in Lyons. I enjoyed the shoe shops and the Musée des Beaux Arts during the daytimes, but the evenings were difficult (as always) and flicking miserably through the entertainments on offer to visitors. I found that most advertisements were for "*non conformiste*" lap-dancing joints, which was depressing. "*Cadre agréable, soigné et luxueux*," they promised, as if I cared. "*Salons privés. Convivialité. Discrétion assurée.*" Since the only bits that rang any sort of bell with me concerned free parking, I realised my testosterone levels have a long way to go.

There's a gap in the market here, if anyone's interested. Female relaxation abroad. I mean, personally I'd pay a substantial fee if there were equivalent private, convivial salons for women where you could wear slippers and watch *Frasier* with a cat on your lap, while eating a nice bowl of Weetabix.

Around town on Saturday night, Americans dodged into doorways while Iranians ran past with flags, but, apart from being entertained by that, I was hungry and bored. I'd assumed that all bars and restaurants would be showing the *Holland v South Korea* match (wrong) so, after a long, fruitless walk, I selected a nice restaurant on a quiet, leafy square, with tables outside. In retrospect, perhaps my old-rag outfit compounded my offensively single status, to make them less than friendly.

Either way, it was cruel to seat me in an airless interior booth and I'm glad to say they thought better of it when, in a mounting agony of confinement, I actually tried to climb over the table. "Got to get out," I said, threatening to make a scene. "Help. Can't breathe." So they let me eat outside, but still segregated at the furthest edge of its tables. It's the same story in most places. As a woman alone (with a big book), you are a tiresome square peg and very possibly (despite your big book) a prostitute. Lone chaps are not a similar problem because they make a bee-line for clubs whose "caressing girls" will make their meal "most agreeable".

"You will enjoy," one mind-boggling advertisement promises, "water pleasures, a bar and an intimate wheedling room that benefit a perfect hygiene." Wheedling? Well, call me a hopeless innocent, but I've never heard of wheedling coming into it before.

Meanwhile, on my own, I had a very fast meal, no conversation, grudging service and all my attempts at wheedling ended with a place on the kerb with a view of football fans relieving their bladders behind box trees in the square. Now, ask me to analyse the symbolism of *that* and I'll be here to kingdom come.

LYNNE TRUSS



Fans of Iran and the United States seem oblivious to the hype of their World Cup meeting

'Around town Americans dodged in to doorways as Iranians ran past with flags'

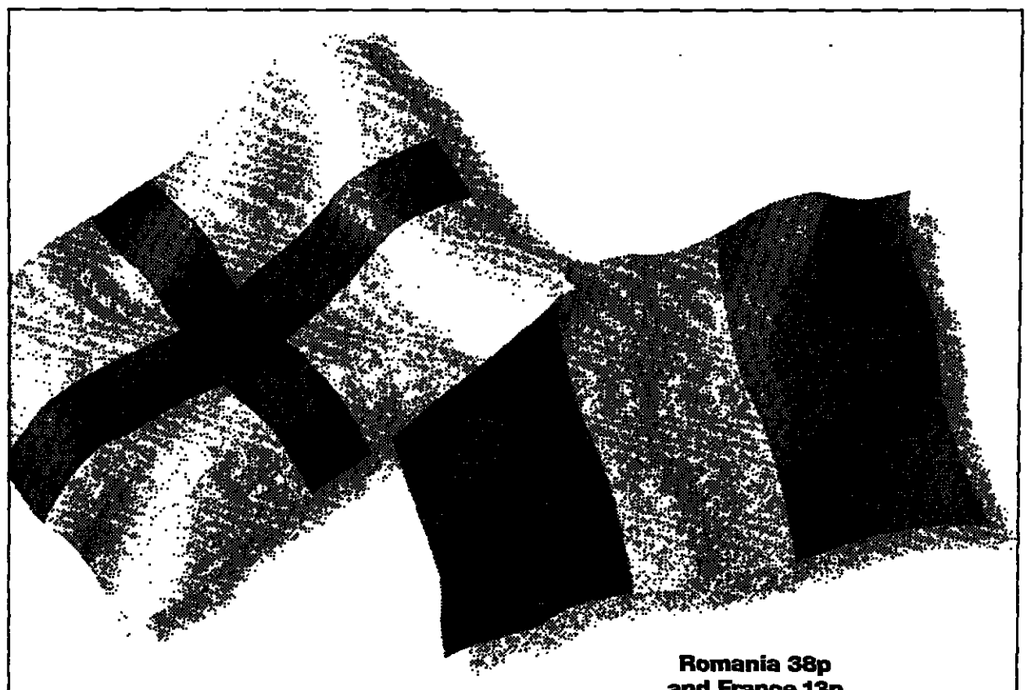
South Africa night owls in hot water

TWO South Africa players may be sent home from the World Cup for going to a nightclub on Saturday without permission (John Goodbody writes). The two players, who are believed to be Brendan Augustine and the appropriately-named Naughty Mokoena, were called to a hearing yesterday afternoon by the South African Football Association. Danny Jordaan, its chief executive, said that the association wanted to hear the "players' side of the story".

Philippe Troussier, the coach, who is a noted disciplinarian, said he was recommending that the two players should leave the team camp immediately. He was speaking after a training session from which Augustine, who plays for Lask Linz in Austria, and Mokoena were absent.

South Africa still have a chance to reach the second round from group C, if they beat Saudi Arabia and France beat Denmark. They must also overcome Denmark's four-goal advantage in goal difference.

The entire Argentina squad have been attending press conferences together to show their solidarity in face of critical media coverage at home.



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WORLD CUP 98

Harmony in squad holds key to potency of thrilling challenge



Dutch masters: Overmars, left, and Bergkamp, right, the Arsenal duo, mark their goals while Van Hooijdonk, of Nottingham Forest, runs away to celebrate his header

Holland hint that the future's orange

JOHAN CRUYFF and Ruud Gullit were at the Stade Vélodrome on Saturday night, bringing a suitably august tone to a match in which Holland confirmed that they have the talent to stand with the elite. Those two magisterial players of former days do not stand only as emblems of their country's capacity for excellence: each of them could also be regarded as a memento mori.

The Dutch are known for putting their own hopes to death. Cruyff and Gullit applied a haughty excellence to a multitude of matches, but they are famous, too, for the occasions on which they declined to participate. Cruyff would not go to the World Cup finals of 1978 and Gullit dropped out of the squad for the tournament in the United States four years ago.

When Holland play as beautifully as they did against South Korea, it sharpens the neutral spectator's fear that they will somehow find a way to make the worst of themselves once again. The disappointments of the Dutch are their own affair, but the tournament should mourn if Holland prove to be their own nemesis. A World Cup needs such luxuriant football.

On Saturday, at least, foreboding shrivelled. The sport can offer nothing better than a stylish performance in a shapely stadium at the heart of a roguish old city such as Marseilles. For the professional eye of Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach, there was the satisfaction of seeing Dennis Bergkamp start his first match since April 29 and gradually reassemble his form until he scored a handsome goal.

There was a more complex pleasure in the display of Edgar Davids. He is a test case. If the Juventus midfield player can function smoothly, then all might be well with Holland, for he was at the centre of the previous bout of disruption in the squad. He was sent home from Euro 96 after allegations about the culture of the Dutch camp.

A substitution made by Hiddink, during a match with Scotland, was the cause of the protest, but it was underpinned by suggestions of racism within the team. Some Dutch commentators who wished that they could dismiss such charges found that, in all conscience, they could not merely disregard the issue.

Whatever the truth, the extent of Davids's punishment has reflected the degree of mayhem caused. Hiddink has only recently restored him to the squad. There are those who consider Davids an unstable personality whose testimony was suspect, but sporting excellence has the habit of coercing us into glib admiration and it was impossible not to think highly of him on Saturday.

He slipped away from opponents to dispense finely fashioned passes and his energy was not only employed for aggrandisement. When Winter, unconvincing at right back, was beaten at one point, it was Davids who came bustling back to cover. When conducting himself like this, Davids appears the best midfield player at the World Cup.

"It was a game of the first goal," Hiddink said, "and there was tension before we got it, but we knew it would come sooner or later." The more urgent Holland became in their search for the lead, the more smooth was their build-up. Only in a very fine side does effort foster elegance.

Reputation may have been the undoing of South Korea in the 37th minute. Such was their panic when Bergkamp set off in the hope of a through pass that they turned away from Cocu, the man in possession, and he shot home from 20 yards. The dread of Bergkamp, of course, is not a delusional state and he led a counter-attack four minutes later. South Korea fluffed one opportunity to halt and Jonk sent Overmars clear to finish with his right foot.

Bergkamp, whose touch was unreliable early in the game, had recovered all his adroitness by the 71st minute. He held off Lee Min-Sung, baffled Kim Tae-Young by changing feet and fired the ball into the net. Bergkamp has now scored 34 times for Holland, one ahead of the total reached by Cruyff. Another goal will equal the record for his country set by Faas Wilkes.

Within a minute of being introduced as a substitute, Pierre van Hooijdonk headed a fourth goal and Ronald de Boer scored the fifth against a despairing defence. Although they are not yet certain to qualify for the second round, Holland are regarded as possible winners.

Admirers may have been troubled by the ease with which a neat South Korea team occasionally released players through a flat defence. Saturday, though, was not the time to examine credentials. The World Cup will always have its champions and the real craving is for teams who radiate delight. Holland, assuredly, will succeed in that.

HOLLAND 5 (Cocu 37, Overmars 41, Bergkamp 71, Van Hooijdonk 79, R de Boer 83), SOUTH KOREA 0. (Marseilles, 55,000)

HOLLAND (4-4-2) E van der Saar (Ajax) — A Winter (Internazionale), F de Boer (Ajax), J Stam (Manchester United), A Numan (Rangers, sub W Bogarde, Barcelona, 80min) — R de Boer (Ajax, sub B Zenden, PSV Eindhoven, 83), E Davids (Juventus), W Jonk (PSV Eindhoven), M Overmars (Arsenal) — Bergkamp (Arsenal, sub P van Hooijdonk, Nottingham Forest, 78), P Cocu (Barcelona)

SOUTH KOREA (3-5-1-1) Kim Byung-Ji (Ulsan Hyundai) — Choi Young-Il (Pusan Daewoo), Hong Myung-Bo (Bellmare Hiratsuka), Lee Min-Sung (Pusan Daewoo) — Choi Sung-Yong (Sangmoo, sub Kim Tae-Young, Chunaan Dragons, 53), Lee Sang-Yoon (Chunaan Ilhwa), Kim Do-Hoon (Yassel Kobe, sub Ko Jong-Soo Suwon Samsung, 70), Kim Doh-Kwan (Chunaan Dragons), Yoo Sang-Chul (Ulsan Hyundai) — Seo Jung-Won (Strasbourg, sub Lee Dong-Gook, Pohang Steelers, 77) — Choi Yong-Soo (Sangmoo)

Referee: R Wojcik (Poland).

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA

Croatia fail to create a stir in England camp

Much of it had seemed like one of those macabre episodes of *Endurance* so beloved of our-take shows. Footballers sweated buckets in the savage heat and yelled and screamed and begged as chance after chance disappeared into the clear blue yonder. Up in the stands, like the grinning compère, Glenn Hoddle sat hidden behind his sunglasses, smiling his way through.

The England coach had made the hour's journey to the Stade de la Beaujoire from his squad's training base at La Baule to watch the Croatia team that may be his team's opponents in the second round of the World Cup in eight days' time. He saw much to admire in the performances of both the inventive Japanese and the sturdier Croats, but little to fear.

If England beat Romania this evening in Toulouse and go on to win group G and Croatia finish second to Argentina in group H, as expected, then the two sides will meet in Bordeaux next Tuesday afternoon to contest a place in the quarter-finals. After this deserved but streaky win here on Saturday, Hoddle would surely take a clash with Croatia ahead of one against Argentina.

Admittedly, Davor Suker, the Croatia captain at the weekend in the absence of Zvonimir Boban, is a player of great technical merit, someone whose skills could unlock even England's stubborn defence. His goal 14 minutes from the end, a fierce shot that Kawaguchi might have saved, settled this tie, and he provided plenty more besides.

Those who still thrill at the memory of Suker's chipped goal over Peter Schmeichel against Denmark in the 1996 European championships revelled in the sight of another audacious lob that bounced off the bar midway through the second half with Kawaguchi hopelessly beaten. Throughout, Suker was a fount of surging runs and delicate passes that his team-mates proceeded to spurn.

But Suker wasted his share of chances too, a misdirected header from a Jarni cross and a shot on the turn that Kawaguchi caught between his knees that might have been better delayed or pulled back to the onrushing Simic or Asanovic. Croatia will have to grasp what few opportunities they might get against England far more ruthlessly or Alan Shearer, Paul Scholes and the rest will make them suffer.

Suker aside, Croatia were desperately lacking in creativity against a Japan side that was invigorating to watch going forward, but naive to the point of embarrassment in some of its defending. Well respected coming into the World Cup, Croatia looked ponderous and inept in much of their approach play.

Robert Prosinecki, once such a fine, inventive midfield influence, with that compulsive trick of rolling the ball beneath his left foot as he ran almost as if it had become an addiction, looked a sad, shambling shadow of his former self. He aped the Japanese by losing the ball almost at will and looked, frankly, out of his depth. Miroslav Blazevic, the Croatia coach, came to the same conclusion midway through the second half and substituted him.

The rest of the midfield was solid but uninspiring. They would have been immeasurably improved by the addition of a player of the flair and verve of Hidetoshi Nakata, the flame-haired Japanese who was his side's outstanding player. As it was, they had to make do with men like Aljosa Asanovic, a good enough club player but someone who struggled to earn a place in the Derby County side last season before he was transferred to Napoli.

As usual, Robert Jarni looked a class act in his habitual left wing back role and there could be a case for Hoddle playing Gary Neville at right wing back to combat his attacking surges if the two teams do meet, rather than allowing Jarni to probe away at the spaces left by either Darren Anderton or David Beckham.

In addition, the Croatia defence, marshalled competently by Zvonimir Soldo and Slaven Bilic, will be hard to break down and the influence of the fit-again Boban will be important — but it is likely to be a question of when Shearer and Teddy Sheringham unpick the lock, not if they can.

By the end of the game, Blazevic said, Suker had lost more than half a stone in sweat. As the contestants staggered off the pitch, the cameras showed Hoddle in the stands. He was still smiling.

JAPAN 0, CROATIA 1 (Suker 77). (Nantes, 39,000)

JAPAN (3-4-1-2) Y Kawaguchi (Yokohama Marinos) — Y Akita (Kashima Antlers), M Ihara (Yokohama Marinos), E Nakanishi (JEF United Ichihara) — A Narahashi (Kashimá Antlers, sub H Morishima, Cerezo Osaka, 78min), M Yamaguchi (Yokohama Flugels), H Nanami (Jubilo Iwata, sub W Lopes, Bellmare Hiratsuka, 82), N Soma (Kashima Antlers) — H Nakata (Bellmare Hiratsuka) — S Jo (Yokohama Marinos), M Nakayama (Jubilo Iwata; sub M Okano, Urawa Reds, 60)

CROATIA (3-5-2) D Ladic (Croatia Zagreb) — S Bilic (Everton), Z Soldo (VfB Stuttgart), I Stimac (Derby County; sub G Vlaovic, Valencia, 46) — D Simic (Croatia Zagreb), K Jurcic (Croatia Zagreb), R Prosinecki (Croatia Zagreb; sub S Manc, Croatia Zagreb, 65), A Asanovic (Napoli), R Jarni (Real Betis) — M Stanic (Parma, sub I Tudor, Hajduk Split 87), D Suker (Real Madrid)

Referee: R Ramdhan (Trinidad and Tobago)



Suker celebrates his goal in Croatia's win over Japan

Blatter's edict blurs in the heat of battle

BELGIUM 2 (Wilmots 43, 48), MEXICO 2 (García Aspe 56, pen, Blanco 63). (Bordeaux, 34,750)

FROM MATT DICKINSON

FOOTBALL'S evolution into a non-contact sport took another small, but significant, step here under the unbearable sapping sun of Bordeaux. As two more red cards wrested this match from the control of the players and the enjoyment of the otherwise handsomely entertained supporters, there was no sense of outrage. Rather, just a sad resignation that the game has been taken hostage by men with wilful disregard for its safety and preservation.

Sepp Blatter, Fifa's next president and champion of non-tackling football, claims the players must learn, but do we really want defenders like Pavel Pardo — and the hundreds similar in the English domestic game — not diving combatively into crunching tackles that may go slightly, but not maliciously, awry?

And how do you teach a midfield player, in this case Gert Verheyen, of Belgium, not to trip a striker who is about to pull the trigger? His dismissal was right and proper under any rules, old or new, but it is nonsensical to think, as Blatter seems to, that players will learn to curb their natural instincts. Football is combat and one cannot always expect a fair fight.

Given the pressure that he is under and the guidelines within which he must now operate, Hugh Dallas, the Scottish referee, had no option but to brandish the red card twice. Whether he will exercise equal diligence when he officiates an explosive Glasgow derby next season will no doubt be one of the fascinations of the forthcoming months.

From park pitches on a Sunday morning to Roy Keane's tussles with Patrick Vieira, this crackdown is meant to be universally implemented long after Big Brother Blatter has stopped terrorising from on high. Of course, it will not be and the inconsistencies will be highlighted week after controversial week.

This game was turned upside down and then inside out by the two dismissals. Mexico, so bright and sharp and incisive in contrast to yet another laboured team from Europe, began excellently in debilitating heat that reached 40C.

When Pardo was sent off to the bath — a cold one presumably — after half an hour, he seemed, though, to take Mexico's confidence with him. Understandably so, for in such temperatures, this was not a day for ten men to be doing the work of 11.

Belgium, ponderous until then, could barely fail to take advantage of their numerical superiority and they were ahead shortly before half-time when Marc Wilmots bundled in a corner. Their lead was doubled within three minutes of the interval when Wilmots, the shaven-headed Schalke 04 player, bulldozed through the heart of the Mexico defence.

Rather fortuitously, the game seemed to have been won until Verheyen was sent off for tripping Ramirez as he was about to shoot. Alberto García Aspe scored from the penalty spot and Mexico were suddenly pouring forward once more, the pace of the blond-haired Luis Hernández causing problems to defenders who were wilting in the sun. It was all too much for Franky van der Elst, Belgium's veteran captain, who, at 37, asked to be taken off because of dehydration. By then, his side had conceded a second goal, Cuauhtemoc Blanco levelling the scores after 63 minutes after a mistake by the Belgium goalkeeper.

Mexico deserved victory for their superior zest. Three points would have ensured the Central Americans a passage through to the second round, but a draw against Holland may still be enough to see them advance — hopefully, at Belgium's expense.

BELGIUM (4-3-1-2) F de Wilde (Anderlecht) — É Deflandre (FC Bruges), G Vidovic (Mouscron), L Staelens (FC Bruges), V Borkelmans (FC Bruges) — D Boffin (Metz, sub G Verheyen, FC Bruges, 18min), F van der Elst (FC Bruges, sub G de Boeck, Anderlecht, 67) E Scifo (Anderlecht) — M Wilmots (Schalke 04) — L Oliveira (Fiorentina), L Nilis (PSV Eindhoven, sub L Mpenza, Standard Liege, 77)

MEXICO (3-4-3) J Campos (Pumas UNAM) — C Suarez (Guadalajara), J Sánchez (Guadalajara), D Davino (America) — J Ordiales (sub G Villa, America, 58min), P Pardo (Atlas), R Ramirez (Guadalajaral, A García Aspe (America, sub. R Lara, America, 68) — L Hernández (Necaxa), F Palencia (Cruz Azul, sub J Arellano Guadalajara, 46), C Blanco (Necaxa)

Referee: H Dallas (Scotland)



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Toulouse, Kick-off 8.00pm, Live on ITV

CORRECT SCORE ENG.	SCORE TO BE	ROM.
5/1	1-0	8/1
13/2	2-0	16/1
7/1	2-1	14/1
12/1	3-0	50/1
14/1	3-1	50/1
33/1	3-2	50/1
5/1	0-0	5/1
5/1	1-1	5/1
18/1	2-2	18/1

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ENGLAND .. ENGLAND	7/4
ENGLAND .. DRAW	12/1
ENGLAND .. ROMANIA	40/1
DRAW ..... ENGLAND	4/1
DRAW ..... DRAW	4/1
DRAW ..... ROMANIA	9/1
ROMANIA .. ENGLAND	25/1
ROMANIA .. DRAW	12/1
ROMANIA .. ROMANIA	7/1

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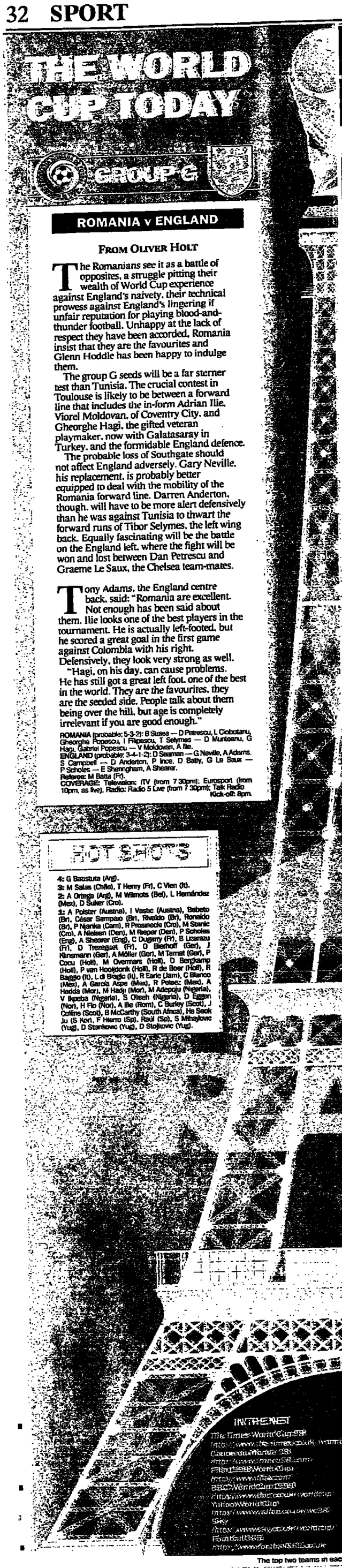
8/15 COLOMBIA TUNISIA 5/1 — 12/5 DRAW
Montpellier, Kick-off 4.30pm, Live on BBC TV

CORRECT SCORE COL.	SCORE TO BE	TUN.
11/2	1-0	10/1
6/1	2-0	25/1
8/1	2-1	20/1
9/1	3-0	80/1
9/1	3-1	80/1
40/1	3-2	66/1
6/1	0-0	6/1
5/1	1-1	5/1
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ROMANIA v ENGLAND

FROM OLIVER HOLT

The Romanians see it as a battle of opposites, a struggle pitting their wealth of World Cup experience against England's naivety, their technical prowess against England's lingering if unfair reputation for playing blood-and-thunder football. Unhappy at the lack of respect they have been accorded, Romania insist that they are the favourites and Glenn Hoddle has been happy to indulge them.

The group G seeds will be a far sterner test than Tunisia. The crucial contest in Toulouse is likely to be between a forward line that includes the in-form Adrian Ilie, Viorel Moldovan, of Coventry City, and Gheorghe Hagi, the gifted veteran playmaker, now with Galatasaray in Turkey, and the formidable England defence.

The probable loss of Southgate should not affect England adversely. Gary Neville, his replacement, is probably better equipped to deal with the mobility of the Romania forward line. Darren Anderton, though, will have to be more alert defensively than he was against Tunisia to thwart the forward runs of Tibor Selymes, the left wing back. Equally fascinating will be the battle on the England left, where the fight will be won and lost between Dan Petrescu and Graeme Le Saux, the Chelsea team-mates.

Tony Adams, the England centre back, said: "Romania are excellent. Not enough has been said about them. Ilie looks one of the best players in the tournament. He is actually left-footed, but he scored a great goal in the first game against Colombia with his right. Defensively, they look very strong as well.

"Hagi, on his day, can cause problems. He has still got a great left foot, one of the best in the world. They are the favourites, they are the seeded side. People talk about them being over the hill, but age is completely irrelevant if you are good enough."

ROMANIA (probable; 5-3-2): B Stelea — D Petrescu, L Ciobotaru, Gheorghe Popescu, I Filipescu, T Selymes — D Munteanu, G Hagi, Gabriel Popescu — V Moldovan, A Ilie.
ENGLAND (probable; 3-4-1-2): D Seaman — G Neville, A Adams, S Campbell — D Anderton, P Ince, D Batty, G Le Saux — P Scholes — E Shearingham, A Shearer.
Referee: M Batta (Fr).
COVERAGE: Television: ITV (from 7.30pm); Eurosport (from 10pm, as live). Radio: Radio 5 Live (from 7.30pm); Talk Radio
Kick-off: 8pm.

HOT SHOTS

4: G Batistuta (Arg).
3: M Salas (Chile), T Henry (Fr), C Vieri (It).
2: A Ortega (Arg), M Wilmots (Bel), L Hernández (Mex), D Suker (Cro).
1: A Polster (Austria), I Vastic (Austria), Bebeto (Bra), César Sampaio (Bra), Rivaldo (Br), Ronaldo (Br), P Njanka (Cam), R Prosinecki (Cro), M Stanic (Cro), A Nielsen (Den), M Rieper (Den), P Scholes (Eng), A Shearer (Eng), C Dugarry (Fr), B Lizarazu (Fr), D Trezeguet (Fr), O Bierhoff (Ger), J Klinsmann (Ger), A Möller (Ger), M Ternat (Ger), P Cocu (Holl), M Overmars (Holl), D Bergkamp (Holl), P van Hooijdonk (Holl), R de Boer (Holl), R Baggio (It), L di Biagio (It), R Earle (Jam), C Blanco (Mex), A García Aspe (Mex), R Peláez (Mex), A Hadda (Mor), M Hadji (Mor), M Adepoju (Nigeria), V Ikpeba (Nigeria), S Oliseh (Nigeria), D Eggen (Nor), H Flo (Nor), A Ilie (Rom), C Burley (Scot), J Collins (Scot), B McCarthy (South Africa), Ha Seok Ju (S Kor), F Hierro (Sp), Raúl (Sp), S Mihajlovic (Yug), D Stankovic (Yug), D Stojkovic (Yug).

Sunday July 12	Final	8pm	Stade de France	tba, R5L/Talk
Saturday July 11	Third-place play-off	8pm	Parc des Princes	tba, R5L/Talk

FINAL / THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

July 9 & 10 — REST DAYS

Wednesday July 8	Winner 9 v Winner 12	8pm	Stade de France	tba, R5L/Talk
Tuesday July 7	Winner 10 v Winner 11	8pm	Marseilles	tba, R5L/Talk

SEMI-FINALS

July 5 & 6 — REST DAYS

Saturday July 4	11. Winner 6 v Winner 8	3.30pm	Marseilles	tba, R5L/Talk
	12. Winner 5 v Winner 7	8pm	Lyons	tba, R5L/Talk
Friday July 3	9. Winner 1 v Winner 3	3.30pm	Stade de France	tba, R5L/Talk
	10. Winner 2 v Winner 4	8pm	Nantes	tba, R5L/Talk

QUARTER-FINALS

July 1 & 2 — REST DAYS

Tuesday June 30	7. Winner G v Runner-up H	3.30pm	Bordeaux	tba, R5L/Talk
	8. Winner H v Runner-up G	8pm	St Etienne	tba, R5L/Talk
Monday June 29	5. Winner F v Runner-up E	3.30pm	Montpellier	tba, R5L/Talk
	6. Winner E v Runner-up F	8pm	Toulouse	tba, R5L/Talk
Sunday June 28	3. Winner C v Runner-up D	3.30pm	Lens	tba, R5L/Talk
	4. Nigeria v Runner-up C	8pm	Stade de France	tba, R5L/Talk
Saturday June 27	1. Winner B v Runner-up A	3.30pm	Marseilles	tba, R5L/Talk
	2. Brazil v Runner-up B	8pm	Parc des Princes	tba, R5L/Talk

SECOND ROUND (KNOCK-OUT)

Friday June 26	Group H Japan v Jamaica	3pm	Lyons	ITV
	Group H Argentina v Croatia	3pm	Bordeaux	ITV, R5L/Talk
	Group G Romania v Tunisia	8pm	Stade de France	BBC
	Group G Colombia v England	8pm	Lens	BBC, R5L/Talk
Thursday June 25	Group E Belgium v South Korea	3pm	Parc des Princes	BBC, R5L
	Group E Holland v Mexico	3pm	St Etienne	BBC, R5L/Talk
	Group F Germany v Iran	8pm	Montpellier	ITV, R5L
	Group F United States v Yugoslavia	8pm	Nantes	ITV
Wednesday June 24	Group C France v Denmark	3pm	Lyons	BBC, R5L/Talk
	Group C South Africa v Saudi Arabia	3pm	Bordeaux	BBC, R5L
	Group D Spain v Bulgaria	8pm	Lens	ITV, R5L
	Group D Nigeria v Paraguay	8pm	Toulouse	ITV
Tuesday June 23	Group B Italy v Austria	3pm	Stade de France	ITV, R5L/Talk
	Group B Chile v Cameroon	3pm	Nantes	ITV, R5L
	Group A Scotland v Morocco	8pm	St Etienne	BBC, R5L/Talk
	Group A Brazil v Norway	8pm	Marseilles	BBC
Monday June 22	Group G Colombia v Tunisia	4.30pm	Montpellier	BBC, R5L/Talk
	Group G Romania v England	8pm	Toulouse	ITV, R5L/Talk
Sunday June 21	Group F Germany 2 (Ternat 73; Bierhoff 80) Yugoslavia 2 (Stankovic 13; Stojkovic 54)			40,775
	Group H Argentina 5 (Ortega 32, 55; Batistuta 73, 79, 83, pen) Jamaica 0			48,500
	Group F United States v Iran	8pm	Lyons	
Saturday June 20	Group H Japan 0 Croatia 1 (Suker 77)			39,000
	Group E Belgium 2 (Wilmots 43, 48) Mexico 2 (García Aspe 56, pen; Blanco 63)			34,750
	Group E Holland 5 (Cocu 37; Overmars 41; Bergkamp 71; Van Hooijdonk 79; R de Boer 83) South Korea 0			55,000
Friday June 19	Group D Nigeria 1 (Ikpeba 27) Bulgaria 0			48,500
	Group D Spain 0 Paraguay 0			35,300
Thursday June 18	Group C South Africa 1 (McCarthy 52) Denmark 1 (Nielsen 13)			36,500
	Group C France 4 (Henry 36, 77; Trezeguet 68; Lizarazu 85) Saudi Arabia 0			75,000
Wednesday June 17	Group B Chile 1 (Salas 70) Austria 1 (Vastic 90)			30,392
	Group B Italy 3 (Di Biagio 8; Vieri 75, 89) Cameroon 0			35,500
Tuesday June 16	Group A Scotland 1 (Burley 67) Norway 1 (H Flo 46)			30,236
	Group A Brazil 3 (Ronaldo 9; Rivaldo 45; Bebeto 50) Morocco 0			33,266
Monday June 15	Group G England 2 (Shearer 42; Scholes 90) Tunisia 0			54,587
	Group G Romania 1 (Ilie 45) Colombia 0			37,572
	Group F Germany 2 (Möller 9; Klinsmann 65) United States 0			43,815
Sunday June 14	Group H Argentina 1 (Batistuta 28) Japan 0			33,400
	Group F Yugoslavia 1 (Mihajlovic 73) Iran 0			30,392
	Group H Jamaica 1 (Earle 45) Croatia 3 (Stanic 27; Prosinecki 53; Suker 69)			38,058
Saturday June 13	Group D Spain 2 (Hierro 21; Raúl 47) Nigeria 3 (Adepoju 24; Zubizarreta 73, og; Oliseh 78)			33,257
	Group E South Korea 1 (Ha Seok Ju 27) Mexico 3 (Peláez 51; Hernández 74, 82)			37,588
	Group E Holland 0 Belgium 0			75,000
Friday June 12	Group D Paraguay 0 Bulgaria 0			27,650
	Group C Saudi Arabia 0 Denmark 1 (Rieper 68)			38,140
	Group C France 3 (Dugarry 35; Issa 78, og; Henry 90) South Africa 0			55,077
Thursday June 11	Group B Italy 2 (Vieri 10; R Baggio 85, pen) Chile 2 (Salas 45, 50)			31,800
	Group B Cameroon 1 (Njanka 77) Austria 1 (Polster 90)			33,460
Wednesday June 10	Group A Brazil 2 (César Sampaio 4; Boyd 73, og) Scotland 1 (Collins 38, pen)			80,000
	Group A Morocco 2 (Hadji 38; Hadda 59) Norway 2 (Chippo 45, og; Eggen 61)			29,750

The top two teams in each group qualify for the second round. Teams finishing level on points are split by: 1. goal difference; 2. goals scored; 3. the result between the tied nations; and 4. the drawing of lots

COLOMBIA v TUNISIA

FROM ROB HUGHES

How much of Colombia's failure in their opening group G match against Romania can be blamed on one man? And did Hernan Gomez, the Colombia coach, eradicate the problem by sending home Faustino Asprilla? Indeed, did he pick the right culprit? These questions will be answered to some degree when Colombia meet Tunisia here this afternoon.

One must always be wary of jumping to conclusions where Colombia, in general, and Asprilla, in particular, are concerned. Yet, from what we have learnt so far, the crucial reason why he was disciplined, after his comments about the coaching and the tactics when he was substituted towards the end of that game against Romania, was his accusation that "the untouchables" played worse than him and were not taken off. Any judge of the match will confirm that Carlos Valderrama, 36, the veteran captain, had a poor match, his passing and rhythm simply not up to scratch. You do not, it appears, criticise *El Capitan*.

Yet Gomez, having admitted that his team began the World Cup timidly, without spontaneity, has withstood an appeal from Colombia's head of state to restore Asprilla, who, though wildly unpredictable, is among a handful of players on the world scene who can be described as spontaneous. His replacement in that first game, Leider Preciado, 21, has little experience outside South America, certainly not the 15 goals in 38 games that Asprilla has scored for Colombia. He says he is ready — so would be a whole troop of boy scouts.

So now, unimpressed by Tunisia, we wait with curiosity to see whether Colombia, whose ceiling can be high and whose depths depressingly low, have rectified a fault and will come out inspired and unified.

COLOMBIA (probable; 4-4-1-1): 22 F Mondragón — 13 W Cabrera, 5 J Bermudez, 3 E Palacios, 4 J Santa — 6 M Serna, 8 H Lozano, 19 F Rincón, 10 C Valderrama — 15 V Aristizabal — 21 L Preciado
TUNISIA (probable; 3-4-2-1): 1 C el-Ouaer — 4 M Boukadida, 21 K Badra, 3 S Trabelsi — 5 H Trabelsi, 10 K Godhbane, 14 S Chihi, 17 J Clayton — 18 M ben Slimane, 15 S Souayah — 11 A Sellimi
Referee: B Heynemann (Ger)
COVERAGE: Television: BBC1 (from 4.15pm); Eurosport (from 4pm). Radio: Radio 5 Live, Talk Radio
Kick-off: 4.30pm

CARDS

YELLOW

Argentina: J Chamot. **Austria:** A Pfeifer, P Schöttel. **Belgium:** L Staelens, E Deflandre, G Vidovic. **Brazil:** César Sampaio (2), Aldair, Junior Baiano. **Bulgaria:** A Nankov, H Stoichkov, T Ivanov, I Iliev, R Ilichiev. **Cameroon:** S Ipoua, P Wome, P Njanka, D Angbeaud, R Song. **Chile:** N Parraguez, C Acuña, F Rojas, M Villarroel, F Estay, M Salas, I Zamorano. **Colombia:** J Santa. **Croatia:** Z Soldo, D Simic, R Prosinecki, M Stanic. **Denmark:** A Nielsen, M Rieper, M Wieghorst, M Schjonberg, J Hogh, P Schmeichel. **England:** S Campbell. **France:** D Deschamps, E Petit, Z Zidane, L Blanc, B Lizarazu. **Germany:** J Jeremies, D Hamann, J Heinrich, L Matthäus. **Italy:** A di Livio, F Cannavaro, A Costacurta, L di Biagio. **Jamaica:** D Burton, D Powell, P Cargill. **Japan:** M Hara, E Nakanishi (2), T Hirano, H Nanami, Y Akita. **Mexico:** J Ordailes, A Garcia Espe, J Ramirez, C Blanco. **Morocco:** S Chiba (2), A Hadda. **Nigeria:** U Okechukwu (2), M Adepoju, V Ikpeba, A Okocha. **Norway:** K Reiakvi, H Berg. **Paraguay:** M Benitez, C Ayala, F Arce. **Romania:** I Filipescu, D Munteanu, D Petrescu. **Saudi Arabia:** K al-Muwald, M al-Jahni, S al-Jaber. **Scotland:** D Jackson (2), G Durie. **South Africa:** D Nyathi, A Phiri, P Issa, L Radebe. **South Korea:** Lee Min Sung, Choi Yong Soo, Ko Jong Soo. **Spain:** G Amor, M A Nadal, I Campo, Sergi, Kiko. **Tunisia:** J Clayton, I Ben-Younes, K Ghodbane. **United States:** F Hejduk, E Pope. **Yugoslavia:** Z Petrovic, D Stojkovic.

RED

Belgium: G Verheyen. **Bulgaria:** A Nankov. **Cameroon:** R Kalla Nkongo. **Denmark:** M Molnar, M Wieghorst. **France:** Z Zidane. **Holland:** P Kluivert. **Jamaica:** D Powell. **Mexico:** P Pardo. **Saudi Arabia:** M al-Khlewi. **South Africa:** A Phiri. **South Korea:** Ha Seok Ju.

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Brazil	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Norway	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Morocco	2	0	1	1	2	5	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Chile	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Austria	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Cameroon	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	2	0	0	7	0	6
Denmark	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
South Africa	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
S Arabia	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Paraguay	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Spain	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Bulgaria	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	2	1	1	0	5	0	4
Mexico	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Belgium	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
South Korea	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Yugoslavia	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Iran	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
US	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Romania	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Colombia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Tunisia	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Croatia	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Japan	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Jamaica	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

WORLD CUP 98

Underdogs will be muzzled by new clampdown

SIMON BARNES



It's shocking: I mean, there really haven't been any shocks in the World Cup at all. As we move into the thirteenth day, there have been none of those stunning, impossible, inevitable shocks that warm that heart of every footballing person. Pak Doo-Ik, where are you now? Italy have not been beaten by North Korea, or even by Ireland. God has been with the big battalions. The minnows have been invited to the banquet and have been devoured.

First-round shocks used to be a World Cup staple, but not this time. Nigeria beating Spain? A good result, but hardly a shock, as African football continues its slow rise. No: this World Cup has lurched away from historical precedent.

Why is this? Partly, it is the megalomania that is now an inextricable part of all aspect of big-time sport. There are 32 nations taking in the World Cup finals. There were 24 last time, 16 back in 1978. More nations come to the high table. This is supposed to make things more democratic, but it has had the reverse effect. Hence the mismatches. On Saturday, Holland banged a breezy five past the poor old South Koreans. It has all been rather like the rugby union World Cup.

Rugby union has always been a game made for big battalions. Now, it seems, football is the same. One of the reasons for this is the refereeing. For all the virginal shrieks of the ex-player television experts and their media lackeys, the present refereeing standard is part of a logical progression in football since the 1960s.

Cut to one of football's eternal images. George Best, kicked up into the air and coming back for more. Given no protection from referees. *Au contraire.* Kicked skyward, nose-diving into the mud, getting up and turning to the referee to fling the mud from his hands in a gesture of disgust. Best was sent off for "throwing mud at the referee". In 1966, Pelé came to England for the World Cup. He was 25, at the peak of his powers. He was kicked out of it. This was probably the historical low-point of refereeing standards: the consistent interpretation of the laws in favour of the violent destroyer and against the beautiful creator.

Football is about the balance between these two things, just as cricket is about the balance between bat and ball. There is no beauty in attack without the context of defence: that is to say, negativity and destruction. Beauty is not just ball-skill, it is also a matter of physical and metal courage, physical and mental strength. Yet there have been conscious efforts to try and get the balance right in a game that had teetered too far in favour of the destroyers. When football is slanted against Pelé and Best, it totters.

> 'Consistent refereeing to a harder line is to the benefit of football'

Hence the clampdown against violent play in the World Cup — and a great deal of bleating there has been. Expros, whose media duties do not include such exoticisms as "thought", bleat that the game is different, so they don't like it. So everybody else follows their lead. Ooh yes, I think the refereeing is shocking too — but it is not. It saddens me that it has worked against the minnow, but the fact is that the basic tactic of the minnow has always been to stifle the game in midfield, to chip and harry and hack, conceding fouls, if necessary in non-dangerous places. To frustrate and steal.

This has led to some gorgeous moments, but the basic ploy is to strangle the life out of a game. The fresh interpretation has made this ploy almost impossible to bring off. There are no easy games in international football — the face-saver of a succession of managers, a reference to the tactical organisation that was used to squeeze a game. Not dirty play, just negative play. Now this can only be done at the risk of a dismissal.

Chris Waddle, loud among the bleating legions, said at half-time during the Belgium v Mexico match on Saturday that the referee had "spoilt the game" with two sendings-off. "It'll make the game totally negative," Alan Hansen, bleater-in-chief, added. And we got an absolute belter of a second half, including the goal of the tournament so far. It was set up by a high-speed slalom from Arellano, past three players unable to tackle legally and afraid to tackle illegally. A sweet ball to Ramirez, a cross and an extraordinary flying volley from Blanco.

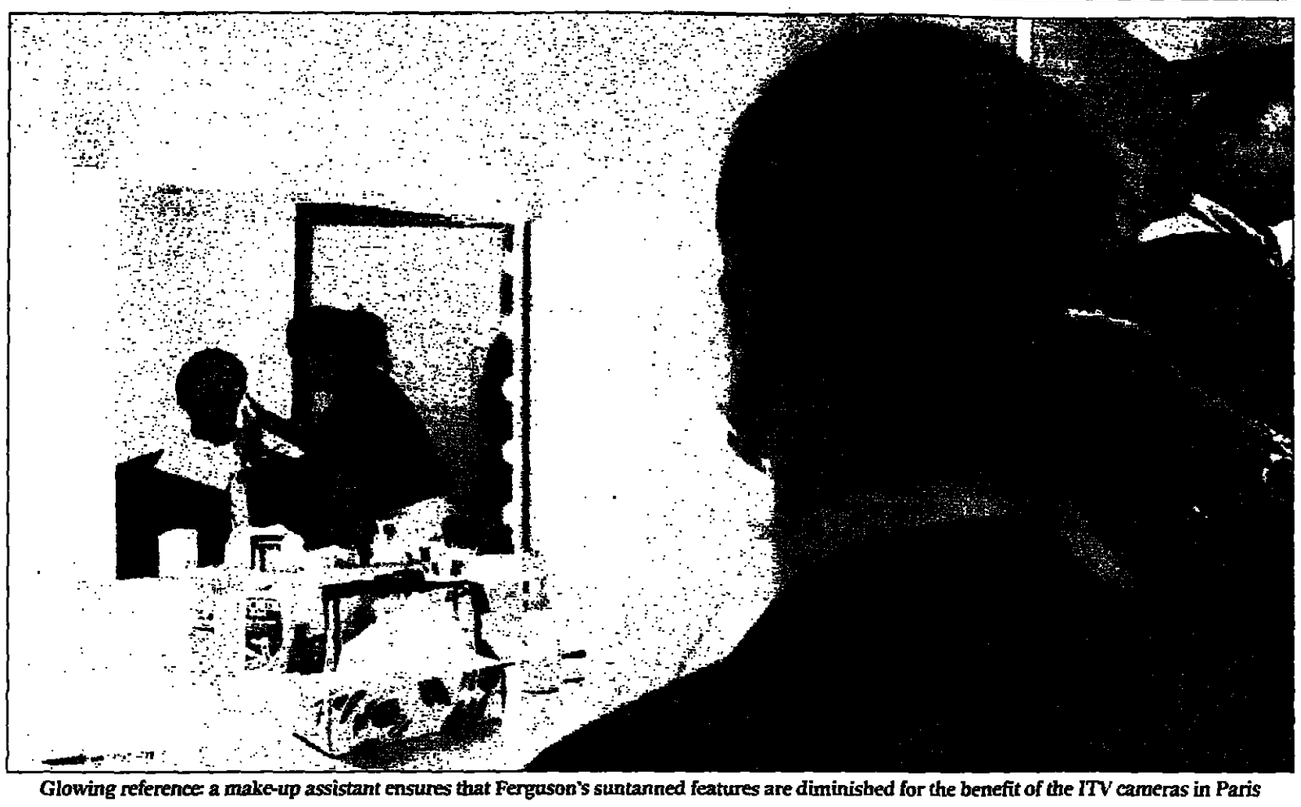
The previous day, Nigeria were a joy to anyone who admires real football. In the 1960s, opponents would have kicked Okocha until he walked like Toulouse Lautrec, but now he is free to play with joy, expression and startling effectiveness. "It's becoming like basketball, a non-contact sport," Waddle complained. Has he tried rebounding against Charles Barkley, I wonder? Anyway, if football becomes filled with Barkleys and Michael Jordans, I won't complain too loudly.

Referees need consistency, of course, players need to know where they stand. Referees need to spot the con-men — one or two disgraceful examples are worthy of severe retrospective punishment — but if they are consistent to a harder line, then it is only to the benefit of football, with teams like Nigeria and Mexico, middleweights trying to be heavyweights.

"Brave football," Des Lynam said of both. Bravely said, but, Des, they are brave because they are *allowed* to be brave. The new interpretation makes bravery a percentage game.

I am sad that minnows have lost their bite. Big battalions? If, by big battalions, we mean players with skill, speed, courage and will, then God and I and Fifa all seem to be on the same side for once.

As for the bleaters — red cards to the lot of them, I say. What do they know of football, who only football know?



Glowing reference: a make-up assistant ensures that Ferguson's suntanned features are diminished for the benefit of the ITV cameras in Paris

Winning team passes screen test

Russell Kempson goes behind the scenes to sample the happy atmosphere at the nerve centre of ITV's World Cup campaign

Bobby Robson, the doyen of European football managers, was panic-stricken. "Pauline, I've lost my wallet. It's gone," he said, frantically searching through his bag. "I've lost my house keys, my car keys, my credit cards, the lot. They've gone." Pauline Hamilton, office adminstrator and crisis management consultant, put the phone down and took stock of the latest problem. "Don't worry, Bobby," she said calmly. "We'll find it."

Five minutes later, the stray wallet had reappeared, discovered on the floor of the dressing-room. "But how did it get there?" Robson said, always analysing, always looking for answers. "How could it of happened?" Hamilton intervened again. "It doesn't matter, Bobby. It's back, isn't it? That's all that matters."

Another day in the life of ITV Sport. Another day in the life of the 100-strong crew covering the World Cup finals from its base in the Paris Expo building, an almost impenetrable maze of temporary offices, computer-laden units and editing suites. It is an alphabet of radio and television stations from around the globe — ATV, RAI, NRK, NHK, TVB, KBS et al.

ITV inhabits the second-largest floor space and attracts much interest from its neighbours. "Can Bobby knock off five minutes for Argentinian TV?" an assistant said. "Not now, he's being made up," Jeff Farmer, head of football production, replied. "He's on in 30 minutes. He might do it later."

Farmer is advised that Robson has to leave straight after the show. He swiftly relents. "Oh, OK then. They can have five minutes, now." Robson, clad in denim shirt, is hunted down. "We help each other," Farmer said. "We give them Bobby, they give us someone else. If German TV want him, they might give us Beckenbauer. We're hoping to get Ronaldo, at some stage, through Bobby's contacts."

Though in the middle of 20 days of programming without a break, there are few signs of stress. Farmer strolls around in fatherly mode, checking that all is right with the £2 million-worth of equipment and encouraging at every corner.

He checks that Bob Wilson's laundry has been sent for immediate attention and curses when he hears that Alex Ferguson had caught an earlier flight than planned from his bolt-hole in Nice and missed his pick-up at the airport. "We're not bloody mind-readers," he said. The ITV drivers — Mr Pong, a Cambodian, Mr Ping, his sidekick, and Gladys, a moonlighting interior designer — escape the blame.

Morale is high, operations are going well and the ratings are good. The occasional hiccup is laughed off. "I checked out our position in Montpellier five times and then, an hour before kick-off, a Moroccan band started up right next to us," he said. "Bob Wilson and Kevin Keegan had to wear headphones, otherwise they wouldn't have heard a thing. What can you do?"

"The Talent", as it is known, is taken from the highest echelons of football: Robson, Ferguson, Keegan, John Barnes, Terry Venables, Ruud Gullit, Ron Atkinson and Barry Venison. It is an eclectic mix of youth and experience, the chummy and the charismatic, the serious and frivolous.

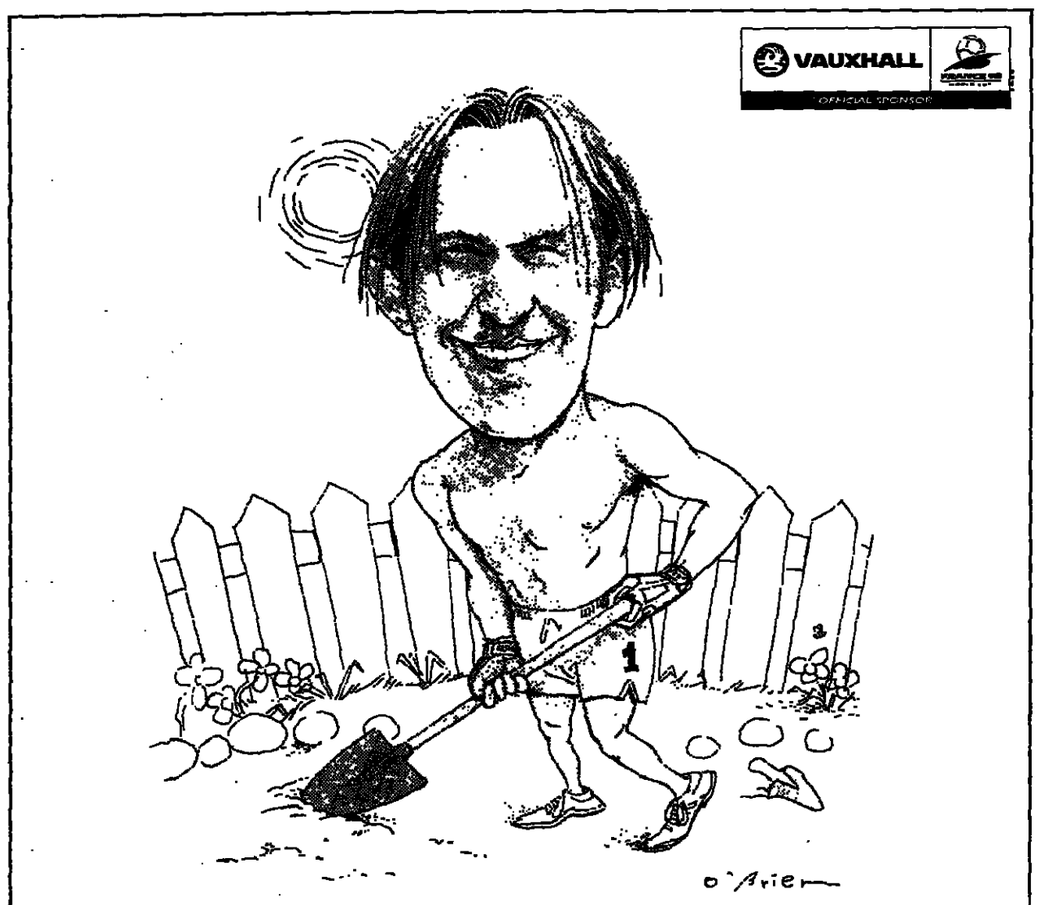
World Cup 98 - Encore! concludes the day: on this particular occasion, after a flurry of five red cards in the two group matches, Rick Waumsley, the editor, leads an informal, jovial briefing before the broadcast and suggests a controversial line. "You must be joking," Venables guffaws. "You wouldn't let me say premature ejockulation about Scotland the other day." Waumsley grimaces. "It was before the watershed."

Encore! gets underway, presented by Jim Rosenthal and with a "virtual reality" backdrop of Paris by night. The viewer sees moving traffic and boats on the Seine, which took an hour to film a fortnight ago; in the studio, all that can be seen is a green wall.

Make-up has reduced Ferguson's facial glow, the legacy of his Nice suntan, to manageable proportions and Barnes MBE, for once, is wearing a conservative jacket.

Rosenthal keeps order with ease until hearing from Waumsley, via his earpiece, that Yvette, Venables's wife, has sent a fax asking if her hubby has enough fresh underwear after two weeks in the trenches. Rosenthal throws the curve ball at Venables, live. "You swine," Venables hisses.

The programme ends past midnight, on time, the credits roll and the gallery, though relaxed throughout, begins to ease down. "Very nice, everybody," David Wood, the senior studio director, says. "Thank you very much." Another day over, only 24 more to go.



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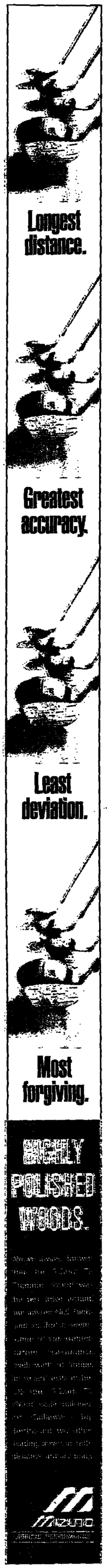
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Frustrated Scot has to endure more barracking from loutish spectators

Montgomerie's quest remains unfulfilled


DOUG COLLIER

Stewart, the only man under par at the US Open, takes an iron at the 6th

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN SAN FRANCISCO

COLIN MONTGOMERIE left San Francisco last night a sad and disappointed man. Not even the pleasure of a birdie on the 1st hole and a steady start to his final round in the 98th US Open could compensate for his sadness at the fact that another major championship had got away from him and that, once again, some American spectators had been rude to him.

Montgomerie's best-laid plans lay in ruins as he found himself 14 strokes behind Payne Stewart, the leader, at the start of the final round and thus with no chance of winning that first major championship that he covets so much. In practice earlier in the week, it had been noticeable that Montgomerie had been less enthusiastic than usual about the course, as if hilly Olympic's many dog-legs and tilted fairways were not precisely his cup of tea.

He had also noted wryly that, on a comparatively short course, certain advantages had taken away from him. "I have more of an advantage when length and accuracy are needed," Montgomerie said. "Here only accuracy is needed."

Though he had spent hours the previous week practising in the California sunshine, things have, in fact, gone less well for him than last year when he arrived only three days before the event, after a hectic dash from winning a tournament at Slaley Hall, and finished second.

Montgomerie made a good start here and was hitting the ball well at the end of his second round when he was far from out of it, only to fall back with a 77 in the third round on a day when only three men broke par.

After being heckled in the second and third rounds, he was subjected to another outburst of barracking at the 6th yesterday morning. "Get in the bunker," one spectator shouted loudly after Montgomerie had driven on this 437-yard hole. Three policeman took the man away before Montgomerie dropped his first stroke of the day.

Montgomerie is fated to be the butt of American humour in much the same way as Jack Nicklaus was nearly 40 years ago. Nicklaus never gave any sign that those fans who shouted at him because he was beating Arnold Palmer, their hero, were getting under his skin.

Montgomerie must do the same, however hard it is. So long as he continues to turn and glare at anyone who breaks his concentration the remarks will continue.

Stewart, meanwhile, settled to the formidable task of protecting his four-stroke lead. The last player to manage this in a US Open was Tony Jacklin, in 1970 at Hazeltine, where Stewart was to win the US Open in 1991.

A highly experienced group of players was chasing Stewart. They included Tom Lehman, who had led after 54 holes in each of the past three Opens, and had manoeuvred himself into the last group for the fourth year in succession. Also four strokes behind was Bob Tway, who won the US PGA championship as long ago as 1986.

Nick Price, who won four major championships between 1992 and 1994, and Lee Janzen, the 1993 US Open champion, were five behind. Plenty of experience there.

"Tomorrow is really Payne's day," Price said after the third round. "We have to go out there and be patient and wait for him to make a mistake, if he does."

In the first three rounds Stewart made plenty of mistakes. He drove poorly in the first round but putted remarkably and saved himself with consecutive birdies at the last three holes.

On Saturday, he bogeyed three holes but had the bulwark of an eagle on the 1st and a birdie on the 8th to ensure a round of level par.

The question was whether Stewart's poor round would be his fourth or whether he, unlike almost every other competitor, would be able to complete 72 holes at Olympic without any serious damage to his card. Stewart has been almost a recreational golfer these past few years after winning two major championships before he was 35. Whereas Mark O'Meara, the Masters champion, is enjoying the best golfing years of his life, Stewart, also 41, has given the appearance of being on cruise control.

He did not qualify for this year's or last year's Masters, has had only three finishes in the top ten this year and his last victory was in 1995.

"I have got a beautiful wife and two lovely kids that I am really enjoying spending time at home with," he said. "I am a taxi service when I am at home and I love it. And as I am getting older it is harder and harder to go out and do the grind that it takes on the PGA tour.

"I would say one of my biggest problems is I probably lose focus in some of our PGA European Tour events. They all kind of blend together. But when you are at a major championship like the US Open my focus is pretty sharp."

US OPEN DETAILS

United States unless stated

COMPLETE THIRD-ROUND SCORES: 207: P Stewart 66, 71, 70. 211: T Lehman 68, 75, 68; R Tway 68, 70, 73. 212: N Price (Zim) 73, 68, 71; L Janzen 73, 66, 73. 213: S Stricker 73, 71, 69; J Maggert 69, 69, 75. 214: S Cink 73, 68, 73; M Carnevale 67, 73, 74. 215: J Furyk 74, 73, 68; L Porter 72, 67, 76; * M Kuchar 70, 69, 76. 216: L Westwood (GB) 72, 74, 70; G Day 73, 72, 71; J M Olazábal (Sp) 68, 77, 71; F Lickliter 73, 71, 72; C Dimarco 71, 71, 74. 217: S Appleby (Aus) 73, 74, 70; T Bjorn (Den) 72, 75, 70; T Woods 74, 72, 71; C Perry 74, 71, 72; J Huston 73, 72, 72; B Faxon 73, 68, 76; J Durant 68, 73, 76. 218: L Roberts 71, 76, 71; V Singh (Fiji) 73, 72, 73; P Mickelson 71, 73, 74; D Duval 75, 68, 75; E Romero (Arg) 72, 70, 76. 219: S Verplank 74, 72, 73; P-U Johansson (Swe) 71, 75, 73; M Reid 75, 70, 73; B Zabriski 74, 71, 74; C Martin 74, 71, 74. 219: J Daly 69, 75, 75; D A Welbring 72, 72, 75; J Parnevik (Swe) 69, 74, 76; F Nobilo (NZ) 76; 67, 76. 220: S Pate 72, 75, 73; J Nicklaus 73, 74, 73; J Sluman 72, 74, 74; E Els (SA) 75, 70, 75; O Browne 73, 70, 77. 221: J Sindelar 71, 75, 75; P Harrington (Ire) 73, 72, 76; J Acosta Jr 73, 72, 76; T Kite 70, 75, 76; C Montgomerie (GB) 70, 74, 77; S Simpson 72, 71, 78. 222: M Brooks 75, 71, 76; S McCarron 72, 73, 77. 223: D Clarke (GB) 74, 72, 77; J Leonard 71, 75, 77. 224: R Walcher 77, 70, 77; P Azinger 75, 72, 77; T Herron 75, 72, 77; T Sipula 75, 71, 78; M O'Meara 70, 76, 78. 226: F Couples 72, 75, 79; J Johnson 74, 73, 79.

* denotes amateur

SPORT IN BRIEF

New Zealand wither under spin attack

■ **CRICKET: Sri Lanka defeated New Zealand by seven wickets in the day-night game in the three-nation Independence Cup in Colombo yesterday. Sanath Jayasuriya scored 57 in 60 balls to lift Sri Lanka to 201 for three in 40 overs, in reply to New Zealand's 200 for nine.**

The New Zealand openers, Bryan Young, who made 55, and Nathan Astle, who scored 33, had given their innings a sound start with a stand of 71 runs in 14.4 overs. Young was caught by Upul Chandana at deep mid-wicket off Kumara Dharmasena after hitting seven fours. New Zealand then went into their shell, unable to cope with a five-man spin attack. Stephen Fleming, the New Zealand captain, said: "The wicket turned in a strange way."

Horner stakes her claim

■ **SQUASH:** Suzanne Horner, from Yorkshire, the England No 3 and world No 7, may have secured a place in the England squad for the Commonwealth Games in September with a 2-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-7 victory in the final of the Aachen Open in Germany. Horner, 35, defeated Linda Charman, the England No 5. Tony Hands, the world No 31, from Colchester, defeated Rodney Eyles, of Australia, the world champion, in the semi-finals of the Expo 98 Cup in Lisbon, Portugal. Hands won 15-5, 10-15, 15-9, 15-12. Alex Gough, the Welsh No 1, beat Ahmed Barada, of Egypt, 9-15, 15-9, 15-5, 15-13 in the other semi-final.

Mackenzie takes tumble



■ **MOTORCYCLING: Niall Mackenzie, right, was left counting the cost of a first-race crash at Donington Park yesterday. Steve Hislop, his Cadbury's Boost Yamaha team-mate, took full advantage by winning the race and clinching second spot in the next race, which Mackenzie won, to move ahead in the *Motor Cycle News* British superbike championship standings.**

Garzelli takes Tour lead

■ **CYCLING:** Stefano Garzelli, of Italy, took over the lead in the Tour of Switzerland from Davide Rebellin after winning the sixth stage in Lenzerheide yesterday. Garzelli was followed home by Leonardo Piepoli and Daniele de Paoli. Chris Newton made a winning debut in the Manx international time-trial, winning in 1hr 27min 2sec from Stuart Dangerfield.

Moore celebrates in style

■ **EQUESTRIANISM: Owen Moore, on Lord Killinghurst, celebrated his 34th birthday by leading from the start to win the two-star section of The Macallan International horse trials at Burgie — his first three-day event victory. Kristina Gifford, on Douce de Longvaut, came second. Anne-Marie Evans, on Special Treat, won the one-star section.**

Simpson inspires victory

■ **BOWLS:** Lanarkshire South, the winners in 1995, recaptured the Scottish Counties championship at Northfield yesterday when they beat Renfrewshire West 121-105. Their leading scorer was Stuart Simpson. Renfrewshire West lost in the final last year.

Lanner rediscovers form

■ **GOLF: Mats Lanner, 37, of Sweden, whose form has been poor for two years, gained the third PGA European Tour victory of his career when he won the Madeira Island Open yesterday. Lanner finished in 73 for a total of 277, beating Stephen Scahill, of New Zealand, by one stroke.**

RUGBY LEAGUE: WARRINGTON SUFFER SPECTACULAR COLLAPSE IN THE HEAT

Farrell faultless as Wigan steam ahead

Wigan Warriors 56
Warrington Wolves 8

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WARRINGTON Wolves buckled in the heat and under the strain of a Wigan Warriors side who are coming nicely to the boil, as nine tries and a perfect ten goals from as many attempts by Andy Farrell demonstrated at Central Park yesterday.

Wigan swelled a superior points difference of 115 over Leeds Rhinos, their nearest challengers, in the JJB Super League. The three sides below them in the top five play-off positions each lost; at the mid-point of the league programme, the leading two are four points clear and, realistically, beyond catching.

A spectacular collapse by Warrington, in which they conceded 48 points in as many minutes, followed a bright opening. They were level at 8-8 until the half-hour, when panic broke out under a hanging kick by Radlinski and Gilmour shipped the loose ball out to Robinson for the home side's second try.

In a curate's egg performance at stand-off half, Henry Paul endured an embarrassing first half and followed it with a sublime last 40 minutes. After they had lost only one of their previous six matches, it was a salutory afternoon for Warrington. Their cause was not helped by Kohe-Love twice being put on report for high tackles and Nutley getting himself sent to the sin bin for a professional foul. Short-handed for the final ten minutes, they were powerless to stop Wigan adding a further 18 points.

Around the rucks, McCormack exploited ample room from acting half back. He timed one run to perfection to streak clear from the halfway line. He had Bell outside him, but had a choice of Betts on his inside and the Great Britain forward was the recepient for the 99th touchdown of his career. Rudd replied with a penalty for Warrington, who had every reason to be encouraged when Paul dropped a pass by Farrell on the first tackle, Eager hacked on and Forster applied the final touch.

Their lead lasted seven minutes, until Kohe-Love collared Cardiss around the neck and Farrell slotted the penalty.

The combination of Robinson's try and O'Connor's impressive entry off the bench left Warrington for dead. Just before the break, Paul and Cardiss released McCormack under the posts and the procession was re-started by the same combination, although the Warrington defence appeared to have wrapped up Gilmour, the scorer.

By now reduced to damage limitation, Warrington, despite the bustling charges of McCurrie, could offer little resistance. The disappearance of Nutley saw them condemned to Wigan's biggest league win of the season as Cassidy barged his way over and Johnson added two more in three minutes, all converted by the faultless Farrell.

SCORERS: Wigan Warriors: Tries: Johnson (2), Betts, Robinson, McCormack, Gilmour, Paul, Connolly, Cassidy. Goals: Farrell (10). Warrington Wolves: Try: Forster. Goals: Rudd (2).

WIGAN WARRIORS: K Radlinski; M Bell, G Connolly, D Moore, J Robinson; H Paul, D Cardiss; N Cowie, P McCormack, A Mestrov, D Betts, M Cassidy, A Farrell. Substitutes: L Gilmour, T O'Connor, P Johnson, N Baynes.

WARRINGTON WOLVES: L Penny, J Roach, C Rudd, M Eager, M Forster; T Kohe-Love, J Duffy; M Hilton, D Farrar, D Nutley, B Tuuta, S McCurrie, M Wainwright. Substitutes: V Fawcett, C Morley, I Knox, D Whittle

Referee: R Smith (Castleford).

Lee provides kick-start for Salford

MARK LEE, the Salford half back, kicked a drop goal nine minutes from time to give the Reds an 11-10 victory over Bradford Bulls. The single point gained by Lee ended Salford's five-match losing run and revived their hopes of making the JJB Super League play-offs.

It was a third successive defeat for Bradford, the defending champions, who have yet to recapture the lustre of last season.

The recent revival of London Broncos was brought to a decisive end by a 36-16 home defeat against Castleford Tigers. London led 10-6 at half-time after scoring two tries to one by Castleford.

The game changed dramatically in the second half as Castleford scored five tries with just one reply from the home side. Ford scored the first and that was quickly followed by scores from Sampson and Davis. The pick of the crop came from Adrian Vowles, who rounded five men in a run that took him three-quarters of the length of the pitch. The Castleford victory was confirmed by a try from Smith with six minutes to go. Tonk scored a further try in injury time.

Sheffield Eagles, the Silk Cut Challenge Cup-winners, earned their first home league points of the season when they beat St Helens 18-17 on Saturday.

POLO

Union Jack flag after taking lead

BROOK JOHNSON'S team, CS Brooks, carried off the high-goal Midhurst Town Cup at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday, having defeated Union Jack, the Hurlingham Association's squad, 13-4½ over five chukkas (John Watson writes).

Union Jack owed their handicap start of 2½ to the fact that they aggregated a team rating of only 19, as compared with the 22 of CS Brooks. Otherwise, the advantages were largely with CS Brooks, for whom the Novillo-Astrada brothers, Miguel and Xavier, occupied the No 3 and No 2 positions. At No 1, they fielded Luke Tomlinson, one of the sharpest forwards in the game, and, at back, Sebastian Dawnay.

Union Jack proved not as well-integrated, despite the effective pivot provided by Roddy Williams, and were frequently inaccurate in front of goal.

The turning point came in the second chukka, when the score was 3½-3 to Union Jack. Miguel Novillo-Astrada, riding the excellent Argentine chestnut, Zureita, converted a penalty award to give his team a lead that they were never to lose.

CS BROOKS: 1, L Tomlinson (4); 2, X Novillo-Astrada (9); 3, M Novillo-Astrada (9), back, S Dawnay (2).
HPA UNION JACK: 1, J Fisher (4); 2, A Buchanan (5); 3, R Williams (5); back, J Gilmore (5).

TRIATHLON

Lessing keeps Welch in check

TWO Britons have slammed the brakes on Australia's runaway domination of triathlon, denying Greg Welch his third ITU World Cup series victory in a row in Zurich yesterday and investing valuable points in Great Britain's Olympic hopes (Jonathan Gornall writes).

Simon Lessing, perhaps Britain's best hope of a triathlon medal at Sydney in 2000, demonstrated in his first outing of the season that he is back to the sort of form that has seen him crowned world champion three times. In his sights now will be a fourth title at the world championships in Lausanne on August 30. The next World Cup round is in Japan on July 12.

Behind him all the way was Andrew Johns, the Australian who has returned to his Peterborough roots to claim the right to fight for a place in the Britain Olympic team.

British women failed to make a similar impact. Clare Carney, one of four Australian women who have joined Johns as "new Britons", pulled her back in training and failed to start. Beth Thomson was best-placed, at nineteenth.



Lessing: medal hope

GOLF

LOMBARD TROPHY UPDATE

Now in its fourth year, it's already the biggest and best Pro Am golfing event in Europe. In 1998 over 100,000 club golfers from 1,200 clubs competed in qualifying rounds for the right to partner their club professional in one of 16 Regional Finals. The 16 winning pairings gain an expenses paid trip to the Grand Final between 25 and 29 September, flying to the Algarve with TAP Air Portugal.

Lombard, the event's sponsor, is the UK's largest finance house which advances around £150 million each week to their business and personal customers - many of whom compete in the Trophy.

West Scotland Final

Despite torrential rain the partnership of professional Russell Weir and 15-handicapper Colin Bennett from Cowal Golf Club in Dunoon triumphed over the Cardross course near Dumbarton with a net 62 (nine under).

Weir, twice winner of the PGA Club Professional Championship, drew on his 27 years' experience, firstly with birdies at the fifth and 13th holes, then more spectacularly with an eagle 3 at the 512-yard 16th. Bennett, a police constable, was no slouch either, collaring four net birdies and a net eagle.

East Scotland Final

Experience again led the way on the East coast, at Longniddry, where 49-year old Jim Farmer, another former PGA club champion, dovetailed brilliantly with his amateur partner, Fraser Tennant from the Drumoig club, near St. Andrews.

Their outward half, though, offered little indication on an eventual winning card, scoring a modest one-under 33, Tennant 'nervous as a kitten' and Farmer fighting a bout of tonsillitis.

The back nine was a transformation. Farmer rattled in three birdies, and Tennant buckled down to record a gross and net birdie, then a net eagle, for a winning total of 60 (eight under par), two ahead of Swanston and King James VI from Perth.

Downfield's pro', Ken Hutton, gets the stamina award. He drove overnight from Stansted Airport, having watched the Scotland-Brazil game in Paris, and after three hours' sleep at Longniddry's car park shot a creditable par round.

Irish Final

Tasso Sambanidis, from Drogheda, who describes himself as a Greek New Yorker, partnered his Seapoint professional, David Carroll, to victory at neighbouring County Louth. Their six-under 67 included six birdies from Carroll, plus a net 1 and net 2 at par-3's early in the round from Tasso.

Report compiled by the PGA Press Office

British No 1 stakes claim for title after successful practice session seals recovery from ankle injury

Rusedski ready to risk return at Wimbledon

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GREG RUSEDSKI has recovered from injury sufficiently to confirm his entry for the 112th Wimbledon championships, which open in South West London today. Rusedski, seeded No 4, is scheduled to play his first-round match tomorrow against Mark Draper, a qualifier from Australia.

Doubts about Rusedski's fitness have persisted since the Great Britain No 1 fell and strained ligaments in his left ankle at the Stella Artois tournament ten days ago. Although medical opinion suggested that he would struggle to recover in time, Rusedski "successfully completed a practice session and has indicated that he will be playing in the championships", according to a statement from Wimbledon last night.

The extent of Rusedski's recovery will not be known until he takes to the court tomorrow. However, he has already defeated conventional thinking. He has been receiving physiotherapy three times a day, but his practice session yesterday marked the first time that he had stepped onto a court since he was helped away from the one at Queen's Club earlier this month. The possibility remains that he could suffer a reaction to his injury this morning and be forced to withdraw from the championships.

It remains unclear whether Rusedski, 24, risks aggravating or further damaging the offending ligament by his rapid return to action. Should the sprain develop into a full-blown tear, he would face a lengthy period on the sidelines at a time when he must summon his best form to maintain his ranking of world No 4. Against that, Tony Pickard, his coach, had intimated that Rusedski would not play at Wimbledon unless he was fully fit.

Before that fateful slip, the prospect of winning Wimbledon had loomed so large in Rusedski's thoughts that he had almost been counting down the days. A quarter-finalist last year, Rusedski's desire has been fuelled by the open nature of these championships — for which only Pete Sampras, the defending champion, can perhaps boast better credentials. If Rusedski has thrown caution to the wind, it must be hoped that he does not pay a heavy price.

Rusedski's injured ankle has dominated the Wimbledon build-up in the same way that Paul Gascoigne's tribulations overshadowed the build up to the World Cup. All comparisons end there; Rusedski's problems stem from a destiny wholly outside his control. The ambitious left-hander will doubtless be hoping that his thunderous service, the bane of opponents and line judges alike, can sustain him beyond his obvious lack of practice.

Anna Kournikova, a possible winner of the women's singles, is also expected to take her chance after visiting a specialist in London yesterday. The Russian teenager, seeded No 12, strained ligaments in her right thumb when beating Steffi Graf at Eastbourne on Thursday. She withdrew from the event later as a precautionary measure. The fact that Kournikova did not officially request a Tuesday start at Wimbledon is encouraging.

Sampras, the top seed in the men's draw, opens the tournament on Centre Court today in his quest for a fifth title in six years. The world No 1 seems vulnerable, despite his installment as the bookmakers' 11-8 favourite. He will be attempting to break a sequence that has seen ten different players contest the finals of the past five grand-slam tournaments.

Sampras cited both Rusedski and Tim Henman, seeded No 12, last week among his biggest dangers. Certainly, Henman has prospects of flying the flag if Rusedski, despite his intended appearance, is unduly compromised. Henman carried the banner in similar circumstances seven months ago, when injury forced Rusedski to withdraw from the ATP Tour world championships in Hanover. In stepped the opportunist Henman — arriving amid much fanfare, via chauffer-driven limousine and private jet — to beat Yevgeny Kafelnikov and earn himself $110,000 for a night's work.

Like Rusedski, Henman reached the quarter-finals last year, but his recent form has been as patchy as the British summer. He has suffered eight first-round exits in 16 tournaments this year. He retains a worrying propensity to succumb to unknown opposition, as he did at Queen's, when he was beaten on his last competitive pre-Wimbledon outing by Laurence Tieleman, ranked No 253 in the world. No less an authority than John McEnroe remarked recently that Henman's game has regressed over the past two years.

However, Henman, 23, maintains that the expectation generated by fervent Wimbledon support summons the best in him. He opens his campaign today against Jiri Novak, of the Czech Republic, who has won one match in two previous visits to SW19. If Henman's early matches do not look overly taxing on paper, he is projected to meet Andre Agassi in the quarter-finals and Sampras after that.

Agassi's return to Wimbledon, where he triumphed underneath a mass of blonde locks six years ago, is guaranteed to bring the event to life. Time may have shorn the Agassi mane, but his on-court presence remains as hypnotic as ever. Marcelo Rios, the No 2 seed, will attract considerable attention if he survives beyond the first few rounds. Conventional wisdom holds that the Chilean, heir-apparent to Sampras's mantle as the game's leader, will struggle on grass, but his natural talent is such that he could make a big impression — especially if the courts dry out.

Martina Hingis, the world No 1, must fight off advances from a refreshingly large number of plausible winners in defence of her women's title. Not least among her concerns are the revivals of seven-time champion Steffi Graf and Monica Seles, who, along with Jana Novotna and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, front the shield of experience against ever-encroaching youth. Hingis, seeded No 1, faces a tough opening match tomorrow against Lisa Raymond, who beat the Swiss teenager 7-5 in the deciding set of their match in Zurich eight months ago.

TELEVISION: BBC1: 1.45-4.15pm. BBC2: 12.0-1.35pm, 3.55-8.30pm, 9.25-10.30pm (highlights)
WEATHER: Fresh but still reasonably warm day with some sunshine and just the slight chance of a shower.



TODAY WITH THE TIMES

A free 16-page guide to Wimbledon, including the welcome return of Monica Seles and Andre Agassi



Flying the flag: Rusedski supporters show their true colours in the queue for Wimbledon tickets yesterday. Photograph: Simon Brooke-Webb

Sampras needs to rekindle inner fire

Julian Muscat says Wimbledon champion still believes he can surpass Emerson

Pete Sampras has already run his race. He is home and hosed while others jostle fiercely for the minor placings. He has accrued 54 career titles and prize-money in excess of $32 million, yet the boundaries are lengthening as he pursues a special place in the game's history. Although he believes he is ahead of the clock, the finishing line is no closer than it was 12 months ago, when Sampras, 26, lifted his fourth Wimbledon trophy and his tenth grand-slam title.

It has been the proverbial year of two halves since he overwhelmed Cedric Pioline. At the time, he looked a certainty to catch and overtake Roy Emerson's record haul of 12 grand-slam titles. He endorsed the impression over the next six months — even if he made an unscheduled early exit from the US Open in August. He was utterly untouchable in the end-of-year championships in Hanover, when he embarrassed, in turn, Greg Rusedski, Pat Rafter, Jonas Bjorkman and Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Then his world fell apart. In December, he strained a calf muscle in the Davis Cup final and he has never been the same since.

A sense of resentment lingers over the Davis Cup debacle. Sampras was sharply criticised for holing up in his hotel room while his team-mates were whitewashed by Sweden. That calf injury took time to heal and denied him his end-of-year holiday. He was consequently under-prepared for the Australian Open in January; then made an early exit from the French Open last month. The talk of the locker-room that his daily motivation is lacking, a point Sampras makes no effort to deny. Hope has replaced despair in the eyes of his opponents.

The next two months, embracing Wimbledon and the US Open, will resolve whether Sampras can reimpose himself. He accepts already that he will start from a weakened position. "This is the heart of the year," he said, "and not being motivated for the lesser tournaments hasn't helped in the build-up. People fear you when you're winning tournaments. I have had a tough time getting up for each match, but for me, getting on to the Centre Court at two o'clock is going to feel like coming home."

When Sampras mentions Wimbledon, he does so with a sense of belonging. More than once, he has said that he "feels pretty much invincible out there". His belief is born from winning the title four times in the past five years, but now, perhaps more than ever, he needs to enforce that belief. Wimbledon so inspires him that an early reverse might have catastrophic consequences.

Part of the fascination in Sampras's quest to overhaul Emerson is that he will almost certainly be the last man to get close. In many ways, Sampras has surpassed the Australian's achievements; contemporary playing standards are so much higher. There is also the matter of the 1960s boycott of grand-slam events by professionals, among them Rod Laver, who was consequently denied the opportunity to advance his grand-slam count beyond ten. For all his obvious merit, Emerson undoubtedly benefited from the boycott.

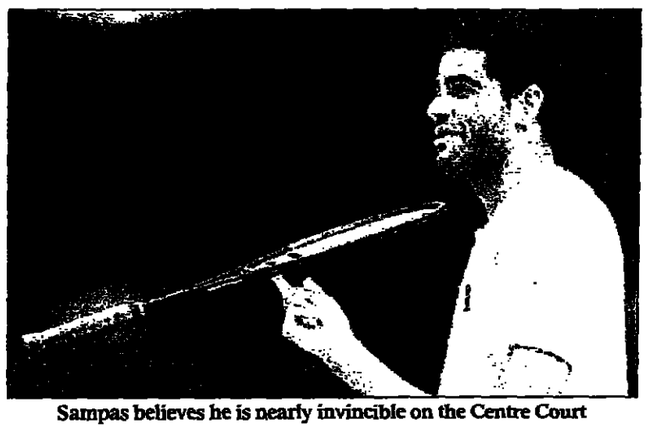
"I talked a bit to Laver about his slams," Sampras said, "and there actually wasn't much competition for the first three or four rounds. I'm not taking anything away from those guys, but the competition means that it's anyone's ball game now. If you're not ready for the first match, there's no point in turning up at all."

Nevertheless, Sampras firmly believes that Emerson's record is within his grasp. "It is definitely on," he ventured. "Deep down, I believe it is going to happen. I feel I can do it, even though the gap [between him and allcomers] is getting closer and closer."

That gap may have become so fine as to be all but imperceptible. Much has happened since Sampras held aloft the trophy 12 months ago, as is amplified in separate testimony by the five-time Wimbledon doubles winners, Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde.

After his 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 semi-final defeat by Sampras at Wimbledon last year, Woodbridge maintained that he had never experienced an onslaught quite like it — but Woodforde felt differently when he beat Sampras for the first time at Queen's Club earlier this month. "I didn't think, if he played 100 per cent, that I could beat Pete Sampras — especially on grass," Woodforde said. "I think his problem might be more mental than physical."

Woodforde's words emphasise just how fragile appears Sampras's grip on the game that he has dominated for the past five years. It may well slacken forever if he cannot rise to the occasion at his spiritual home.



Sampas believes he is nearly invincible on the Centre Court

Bjorkman happy with his dry run

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE event itself was not exactly the perfect warm-up for Wimbledon, but, for Jonas Bjorkman, it was more than enough to round off his preparations. After a week of dodging the showers, he finally won the Nottingham Open title on a wet Saturday, playing the semi-finals indoors and getting his feet on the grass to beat Byron Black 6-3, 6-2 only when the rain relented.

The only seed to live up to his billing — the other top men were clay-court specialists who seemed to have neither the technique nor the will to cope with grass — Bjorkman was exceedingly happy, despite the difficult conditions. He had been forced to wait around until the tournament organisers decided what to do about the rain. Even though their only realistic option was to play indoors, it took them more than two hours to reach that conclusion.

Once allowed to get to work, Bjorkman withstood a spirited challenge from Jérôme Golmard, the tall left-hander from France. He was kept busy for three sets before winning 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 and, by then, he had finished his fine-tuning and was ready for the final.

Black had had an easier run, beating Sargis Sargsian 6-4, 6-2 as the rain fell on the centre court covers, but, by the time that the clouds had parted, there was not enough left to give the Swede a run for his money in the final.

Now feeling fully fit after several weeks suffering from a virus, Bjorkman cannot wait for Wimbledon to begin. He likes to serve and volley and his returns are among the best in the business, but so far he has not lived up to his potential at Wimbledon. Last year, he was stopped in the first round by Chris Wilkinson, but this year he has high hopes. "As long as I don't play a Briton, it will make life easier for me," he said.

There was a shock in the men's doubles when Justin Gimelstob, of the United States, and Byron Talbot, of South Africa, competing together for only the third time, beat the experienced Canadian pair of Daniel Nestor and Sebastien Lareau 7-5, 6-7, 6-4.



Bjorkman: fully fit

Rafter discovers Dutch courage

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PATRICK RAFTER demonstrated that his game was back in order in time for Wimbledon by beating Martin Damm, of the Czech Republic, in straight sets to win the Heineken Trophy in Den Bosch, Holland, yesterday.

The Australian, who has struggled to rediscover the form that saw him rise to No 2 in the world rankings last year after winning the US Open, picked up his fourth career title with a 7-6, 6-2 victory in the final of the grass-court tournament.

Now ranked No 6 in the world, Rafter said that he needed the win to build up some self-esteem for Wimbledon. He did not rate his chances highly for the grand-slam tournament, although he said there was no clear favourite for the title.

In the searing heat of Den Bosch, both players held their service in the first set, but the match turned when Damm seemed to lose his concentration after a controversial line-call by the umpire at the start of the tie-break. Damm, ranked No 85 in the world, dropped his opening service game of the second set and Rafter never relinquished the advantage.

British players failed to win any additional places in the singles events at Wimbledon after the rain-curtailed qualifying tournaments finished over the weekend. At Roehampton on Saturday, Nick Weal was unable to stop David Nainkin from gaining in confidence. With his easy, flowing style, the South African, ranked No 227 in the world, grew in stature when he broke through the defences of the British No 20, who is world-ranked No 733. Nainkin was stronger in all departments and required just 59 minutes to complete his 6-3, 6-3 victory.

James Fox joined Weal on the sidelines after his 7-6, 6-4 defeat at the hands of Daniele Bracciali, who appeared to be receiving coaching from the side of the court. Outranked by 335 places, Fox was never overshadowed by Bracciali, who was obviously troubled by his opponent. Despite claiming the first set tie-break 7-4, the Italian was unable to shake off Fox until the ninth game of the second set, when he struck three blinding returns to capture the British No 19's serve.

At Chiswick, Kate Warne-Holland, the last British woman, fell in the second round 6-2, 6-3 to Sandra Nacik, of Yugoslavia.

WIMBLEDON DRAW REVISIONS

Late changes and qualifiers for the Wimbledon singles draws — see centre spread of the free Wimbledon 98 guide with *The Times* today.

MEN

M Tillström (Swe) v A Radulescu (Ger)
K Alami (Maur) v B Macphie (US)
M Damm (Cz) v C Groslean (Fr)
C van Garsse (Bel) v (16) F Mantilla (Sp)
O Bracciali (It) v M Lee (GB)
A O'Brien (US) v K Carlsen (Den)
T Ketola (Fin) v D Nainkin (SA)
I Heuberger (Switz) v (6) P Rafter (Aus)
(5) C Moyà (Sp) v M Bhupathi (India)
S Pescosolido (It) v J-A Martin (Cro)
D Dilucia (US) v (11) J Bjorkman (Swe)
M Draper (Aus) v (4) G Rusedski (GB)
M Knowles (Bah) v C Wilkinson (GB)
N Godwin (SA) v D Pescarki (Rom)
(15) K Kucera (Slovakia) v V Voltchkov (Bela)
W McGuire (US) v M Tebbutt (Aus)

WOMEN

E Makarova (Russ) v S Tatata (Cro)
C Black (Zim) v S Jeyaseelan (Can)
S de Beer (SA) v I Gorrochategui (Arg)
A Mauresmo (Fr) v M Schnitzer (Ger)
L McNeil (US) v E Callens (Bel)
R Stubbs (Aus) v (14) S Testud (Fr)
H Inoue (Japan) v (16) N Tauziat (Fr)
M Serna (Sp) v R Bobkova (Cz)

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY AT WIMBLEDON

CENTRE COURT: P SAMPRAS (US) v D Hrbaty (Slovakia), G León García (Sp) v S GRAF (Ger); M Philippoussis (Aus) v Y KAFELNIKOV (Russ)

No 1 COURT: A Calatrava (Sp) v A AGASSI (US); M SELES (US) v M Sánchez Lorenzo (Sp); T HENMAN (GB) v J Novak (Cz).

No 2 COURT: P KORDA (Cz) v J Sánchez (Sp), F Labat (Arg) v L DAVENPORT (US); G Kuerten (Br) v J Stoltenberg (Aus); *L Golarsa (It)* v S Williams (US)

No 3 COURT: *N Zvereva (Bela)* v R McQuillan (Aus), D Sapsford (GB) v J Golmard (Fr), A Sidot (Fr) v S Smith (GB); A Smashnova (Isr) v M Lucic (Cro)

No 4 COURT: S Draper (Aus) v R Schuttler (Ger); O Barabanschikova (Bela) v A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr), C van Garsse (Bel) v F MANTILLA (Sp); F Lubiani (It) v I SPIRLEA (Rom).

No 5 COURT: A COETZER (SA) v K Guse (Aus); J Knippschild (Ger) v M Woodforde (Aus); D VAN ROOST (Bel) v J Kruger (SA); K Cross (GB) v J Ward (GB)

No 6 COURT: S Campbell (US) v F Dewulf (Bel); A Gersi (Cz) v Miss A Carlsson (Swe), D Nestor (Can) v T Enqvist (Swe); B Rittner (Ger) v A Cocheteux (Fr)

No 7 COURT: M Vento (Ven) v S Cacic (US), D Bracciali (It) v M Lee (GB); J Gambill (US) v S Schalken (Holl); Y Yoshida (Japan) v E Likhovtseva (Russ)

No 8 COURT: T Haas (Ger) v R Delgado (Par); M Tillström (Swe) v A Radulescu (Ger); T Snyder (US) v L Nemeckova (Cz); P Hy-Boutais (Can) v M Babel (Ger)

No 9 COURT: S Pitkowski (Fr) v L Neiland (Lat); A O'Brien (US) v K Carlsen (Den); S Lareau (Can) v R Reneberg (US).

No 10 COURT: N Sawamatsu (Japan) v B Paulus (Austria); D Wheaton (US) v N Escudé (Fr); C Morariu (US) v M Maruska (Austria).

No 11 COURT: K Boogert (Holl) v M Saeki (Japan); F Li (China) v R Grande (It); S Noorlander (Holl) v O Lugina (Ukr); *N Dechy (Fr)* v A Miller (US)

No 12 COURT: M Diaz Oliva (Arg) v P Suarez (Arg); T Ketola (Fin) v D Nainkin (SA); A Sugiyama (Japan) v S Plischke (Austria); T Nydahl (Swe) v H Gumy (Arg).

No 13 COURT: M Petchey (GB) v M Gustafsson (Swe); M PIERCE (Fr) v E Tatarkova (Ukr); J Vaca (Sp) v M Chang (US); I Majoli (Cro) v K Habsudova (Slovakia).

No 14 COURT: H Nagyova (Slovakia) v A Frazier (US), B Black (Zim) v R Fromberg (Aus); K Alami (Mor) v B MacPhie (US); *J Lee (US)* v L Woodroffe (GB).

No 15 COURT: R Vasek (Cz) v O Gross (Ger); G Nielsen (US) v C Rubin (US); T Tanasugarn (Tha) v K Hrdlickova (Cz).

No 16 COURT: P Haarhuis (Holl) v J Tarango (US); C MARTINEZ (Sp) v S Farina (It); A CORRETJA (Sp) v J Gimelstob (US); L Latimer (GB) v J Kandarr (Ger).

No 19 COURT: N Miyagi (Japan) v J Pullin (GB); A Fusai (Fr) v K Studenikova (Slovakia), F Perfetti (It) v D Chladkova (Cz); L Arnold (Arg) v B Ullrrach (Cz).

Novotna delivers timely reminder

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE woman who barely rated a mention all week had the last laugh in the Direct Line Insurance championships. In defeating Arantxa Sánchez Vicario at Eastbourne on Saturday, Jana Novotna suggested, in addition, that she might be laughing loudest of all at Wimbledon.

This was another final contested between those blessed by experience over youth, with Sánchez Vicario, the winner over Monica Seles at the French Open, this time succumbing to Novotna's grass-court wiles. Steffi Graf dominated the early rounds, Anna Kournikova assumed her mantle on defeating the German, but Novotna, seeded No 1, always looked the most assured.

Victory gave Novotna, 29, her first grass-court title and she will now hope that she can land that all-elusive first grand-slam title in her twilight years. She has been established in the world's top five for more years than she cares to remember, but her 6-1, 7-5 triumph provided a timely tonic to her Wimbledon prospects.

"Experience will play a big part in deciding who wins Wimbledon," Novotna said: "I have played in two finals, but there will be no pressure on me. I usually do well at Wimbledon when I play well here, so who knows?"

Although Novotna, seeded No 3, is in the tougher, top-half of the Wimbledon draw, she approaches the event with her fitness assured. She said that she almost defaulted from the final last year with a pulled abdominal muscle. Novotna eventually succcumbed to Martina Hingis in three sets, but the injury forced her to miss the next six weeks.

This time, it is Sánchez Vicario who must nurse herself through the Wimbledon fortnight. However, the Spaniard, who played the second set of this final with strapping on her right thigh, expects to be fit to tackle her first-round match tomorrow.

Novotna teamed up with Mariaan de Swardt, of South Africa, to win the doubles crown. They beat Sánchez Vicario and Natasha Zvereva, the No 1 seeds, 6-1, 6-3.



Novotna: assured

Loye undermines title challenge

BY RICHARD HOBSON

NORTHAMPTON (Middlesex won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Middlesex by nine wickets

THEIR position in the upper reaches of the Axa League table suggests that Middlesex will mount a challenge for a title they won for the only time in 1992, but they did not play like potential champions yesterday. While they encountered, in Mal Loye, a Northamptonshire batsman at the height of his powers, they fielded listlessly and lost with 3.5 overs to spare.

The way Northamptonshire began the pursuit of a target of 206 must have stretched beyond all expectations of the home support. Their previous best opening partnership in all one-day cricket this season was just 62. Encouragingly, on that occasion, against Somerset at Taunton, Loye and Russell Warren laid the foundation for a rare success.

Loye himself has enjoyed a prolific first half to the season, especially at Wantage Road. He completed a half-century from 69 deliveries and finished 108 not out from 118 balls with two sixes and ten fours, the last of them being driven through the covers off Justin Langer to secure victory.

A slow pitch offered little encouragement to the stroke-makers and Langer, the acting Middlesex captain, knew this better than most, having batted through the earlier innings. Warren had been dropped on 31 by Weekes at backward point off Alistair Fraser but fell two overs later when he chipped the distinctly medium pace of Shah to mid-wicket.

From 82 for one the Wantage Road regulars might have expected a flurry of wickets, England fashion. Instead, Loye continued to drive confidently and Curran offered good support, reaching his fifty from 47 balls in an unbroken stand worth 124.

Middlesex resembled a team of Clive Radleys, with successive batsmen nudging the ball into gaps and scampering runs. Expansive strokes were few and far between and nobody was more restrained than Langer during his unbeaten 87 from 107 balls.

On Saturday the Australian had been taken to Northampton General Hospital as a precaution after being hit on the side of his helmet attempting to hook Franklyn Rose in the corresponding championship fixture. Langer showed no sign of gingerness as he came through a new-ball spell from the West Indies fast bowler to add 57 for the fourth wicket with Nash.

His half-century did not include a single boundary, though he rectified this immediately by driving Snape over long on. The second of his two fours arrived from the last ball of the innings delivered by Follett. Yet, Middlesex accumulated runs throughout at a steady, rather deceptive, rate and those who finally tried something a little more expansive found themselves effectively walking the plank. Loye's subsequent effort, in this context, became even more laudable.

Pooley holed out to Bailey attempting to repeat Langer's most rewarding stroke later in the same over and Dutch, having carved Taylor behind point for six to complete a 50 stand, lost his middle stump next ball.

CRICKET

Somerset owe debt to rulebook

BY IVO TENNANT

BATH (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Essex by seven wickets (D/L method)

THIS was a triumph fashioned by the weather and a pair of mathematicians. When the players came off for rain shortly after 6pm, Somerset reckoned they had won by 15 runs, or at least they had under the Duckworth/Lewis method, which remains as bafflingly complex as ever. Victory was indeed their's, but only after a resumption.

The odd scorer understands the system and, indeed, David Oldham kept a substantial



Caddick: costly start

crowd abreast of what was happening at the conclusion of each over when rain was in the air — and yet it can still defy logic. Fifteen overs were lost to the weather. Upon return, the target had come down to a further 34 off six overs, which was achieved with seven balls remaining.

Duckworth/Lewis will be with us again next year, when the World Cup is staged in England. Let us hope the weather is set fair, not least for the benefit of the casual spectator. As for the Somerset innings, such as it was, Burns wielded a bat owned by Dermot Reeve, the coach, to good effect. Turner, too, struck the ball with considerable purpose, one six off Stuart Law landing in a hospitality tent in front of the sports centre, the one eyesore on this delightful ground.

There cannot, indeed, be a ground in the country on which coloured clothing appears so incongruous as it does here, before this great Georgian city. That Essex, staunchest of opponents of change — "We'll have bouncy castles on the outfield next", as Peter Edwards, their secretary/ general manager put it — should have provided the opposition, only accentuated this. A few hundred yards down the river walk, the clothing at the lovely Bath Cricket Club was rather more appropriate.

For reasons that would have had more to do with the weather forecast than the state of the pitch, Somerset opted to field. Although Caddick conceded 22 runs off his first three overs, they had the Essex upper order out for 85. Three of these batsmen, Irani, Grayson and Peters, were leg before. The important wicket was that of Law, who went down the pitch, edged an attempted drive and departed with some choice words to Rose, the bowler, and the close fielders.

These extended to remarks to the crowd as he entered the pavilion. It was not a particularly smart piece of cricket or behaviour. The innings, though, did recover, for on this, midsummer's day, Prichard was making his first appearance of the season in the Axa League and achieved the highest score of the day.

The captain's innings of 60 came off 81 balls and included six fours. With Danny Law, who struck 38, his best score of the season in one-day cricket, he put on 78 in 14 overs. In normal circumstances — this form of the game does not often come into that category — Essex would have reckoned to have made sufficient runs, for the ball invariably swings on this ground.

Caddick, who was more successful in his second spell, achieved some movement, as did Jones, who broke the partnership between Prichard and Law, dismissing both in the same over. One was held at point, the other leg-before. There were a few useful blows from Rollins before he was held at long off, but little else of significance. The festival week, alas, was afflicted at the finish as it was at the very start last Wednesday by the vagaries of the weather.



Irani takes runs off Rose at Bath before falling leg-before to Caddick for 22. Photograph: Winston Bynorth

Johnson sparks rapid revival

BY SIMON WILDE

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Kent by nine wickets

KENT have good reason to think that this is not their year in the Axa League. In their two matches before this one, rain sank possible wins over Sussex and Leicestershire after their bowlers had put them on top and yesterday they felt the effect of not having batted a 40-overs innings for almost a month. They failed to pace themselves and were dismissed with nine balls unused for an inadequate total of 177.

For a while, they made Gallian and Dowman, the Nottinghamshire opening pair, fight for runs and a close match looked to be in prospect, especially when both sides took stock of blue skies giving way to dark clouds and an imminent Duckworth/ Lewis ruling. Gallian and Dowman concentrated on preserving wickets and were ahead of their target when Dowman was caught at deep mid-wicket in Fleming's first over.

An opening stand of 60 in 17 overs was followed by something more adventurous as Johnson came in to provide his customary impish spark. In a trice, he had helped to lift his side's total above 100 as discipline collapsed in the Kent ranks. In their past five Axa League matches, they have collected eight points out a possible 20.

Such an emphatic win was no more than Nottinghamshire deserved after their misfortunes in the championship fixture. Gallian, still working his way towards full fitness, gathered his third Canterbury half-century in five days and Johnson, who contributed 67 of the first 100 runs they put on, played on a different plane to anyone else in the game.

Johnson's fifty came off 38 balls and he finished unbeaten on 78 off 59 balls. He probably could have played the Kent bowling with a stick of rhubarb as well. If all the Kent fielders had worn gauntlets and Nottinghamshire's had one hand tied behind their backs, the contest might have been closer.

Nottinghamshire missed little and Dowman held three good catches in the deep — especially the one on the boundary to dismiss Wells as he sought a second successive six off Bates. Another vital catch was taken by Strang off his own bowling to remove Hooper, giving the former Kent leg spinner a measure of revenge after his mauling in the four-day game.

Mullally thwarts Maynard's charge

BY BARNEY SPENDER

PONTYPRIDD (Glamorgan won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by 20 runs

THERE was sunshine at Ynysangharad Park and, fittingly on a ground that claims to be overlooked by Tom Jones's house, a touch of song — but it was not enough to help Glamorgan to their second Axa League win of the season.

Chasing 203, their reply never quite got out of second gear, although Matthew Maynard did his best to cheer the 3,000 crowd. He got off the mark with a huge six off Wells and went on to only his second fifty of the summer, from 54 balls.

At the other end there was early support from Adrian Dale but once he and Tony Cottey had both fallen to Dominic Williamson there was little left. When Mullally returned for his second spell, and promptly bowled Maynard for 66, the game was effectively over.

The Leicestershire batting, for the second time this week, depended heavily on Nixon and Lewis. In the championship match they shared a crucial partnership of 107. This time they put on 56 in nine overs to complete a rescue that Nixon and Maddy had started.

It was hardly the best of starts for Leicestershire, with Watkin at his most miserly and picking up the wickets of Phil Simmons and Ben Smith in the same over. Dawood, a former England Under-19 wicketkeeper who arrived in South Wales via Northampton and Worcester, then picked up two good catches to remove Wells and Stevens and reduce the visitors to 31 for four.

Nixon and Maddy set about the rebuilding process but it was hard going. They found greater freedom against the spin of Cosker and Butcher's medium pace and added 68 in 12 overs before Maddy was well picked up on the mid-wicket boundary.

Lewis kept the momentum going and Nixon, dropped by Law on 24, duly reached his fifty from 72 balls. He perished shortly afterwards but Lewis took them past the 200 mark.

Byas produces the star turn for Yorkshire

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Durham by six wickets

A STUDIOUS innings of 79 not out by David Byas, laced with bursts of belligerence, frustrated Durham's impressive seam attack as Yorkshire achieved a hard-earned victory in the Axa League with five balls to spare.

The rare sight of Stemp and Lehmann, the left-arm spinners, operating together proved productive for Yorkshire. They took the wickets of Speak, Boon and Roseberry in the space of 17 balls, conceded only 52 runs from 16 overs and debilitated a Durham innings held together only by Lewis, who made 61 from 75 balls.

Lewis arrived with Durham in crisis at 60 for four and, after sharing promising but unfulfilled partnerships with Collingwood and Foster, he was run out off the final ball of the innings.

Silverwood bewitched Roseberry with movement off the seam, but Stemp had the distinction of bowling Speak around his legs and forcing Boon to deflect a ball onto his stumps.

For Durham, much depends nowadays on Foster and his uncomplicated batting approach. The No 7 was the bookmakers' favourite to top-score, but lost his off stump to Sidebottom as his partnership with Lewis was gathering momentum.

Six overs brought only ten runs for Yorkshire before Roseberry ran out Vaughan. Lehmann made 52 from 62 balls before driving a catch to short extra cover. McGrath departed swiftly to Killeen, setting the scene for the exciting finish after Yorkshire had needed 61 from ten overs.

Warwickshire take their lead from Lara

BY THRASY PETROPOULOS

HOVE (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Sussex by seven runs

BRIAN LARA'S record in the Sunday League leaves much to be desired. Even in his record-breaking year of 1994, his average was only 26 and before yesterday's match, his highest score of this season was 15.

Yesterday's innings of 59, therefore, was an important one both for himself and, coming as it did on the back of an innings victory in the championship match, his team's season.

Three weeks ago he was fined for failing to return from the Caribbean in time for an Axa League match against Somerset. If Warwickshire are to make a successful defence of their title, he is going to have to start pulling his weight. His luck was certainly in yesterday for he survived compelling shouts for leg before and a run-out and saw a mistimed pull fall between three fieldsmen.

Neil Smith's innings of 80 was his highest score for two years in the competition and while he and Lara were together a total close to 300 was on the cards.

As things turned out, though, Warwickshire's batting fell away disappointingly towards the end but a target that required Sussex to score at a run a ball still proved too steep.

After Chris Adams had fallen cheaply to Gladstone Small, it was left to Michael Bevan to keep the chase going and the Australian's first Sunday League fifty for Sussex came from 59 balls. Sussex's hopes disappeared when he was bowled by Ashley Giles for 56, although Carpenter hit out bravely.

Smith makes the most of Connor burst

BY JACK BAILEY

BASINGSTOKE (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by seven wickets

ROBIN SMITH'S close affinity with the pitches at May's Bounty continued yesterday as he saw Hampshire on the road to victory with a forthright innings that saw him go past 50 from 64 balls. This followed a notable performance with the ball by Cardigan Connor, the veteran seam bowler, who put Derbyshire on the ropes with a fine opening spell.

Derbyshire's innings owed almost everything to Kim Barnett. He came in after his side had lost two wickets for 15, and surveyed the scene as Rollins and DeFreitas followed Slater and Tweats back to the pavilion with only 25 on the board. He plainly decided that heroics were not on the cards against accurate bowling on a pitch that lacked pace and offered a measure of help to the bowlers.

Chief beneficiaries of the conditions were Connor, 37, and Kevan James. Connor's initial six overs brought him three for 11. James took the valuable wicket of Slater and was scarcely more costly.

Vince Clarke and Ben Spendlove flourished briefly. Spendlove fell to the catch of the day, by Smith, who pouched a high swirler; Clarke disturbed the tea cups in a hospitality tent with the first of only two sixes in the innings. The other came from Barnett in the course of the last three overs, which yielded Derbyshire 28 runs and brought the former England batsman to his fifty from 82 balls. A brave innings, but always unlikely to prove sufficient for Derbyshire's needs once Smith got cracking.

Hick presents his case on a silver salver

BY PAT GIBSON

WORCESTER (Gloucestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 13 runs

A SENSE of timing is not the least of Graeme Hick's attributes. As England collapsed to ignominious defeat in the Lord's Test, he was scoring his twentieth one-day hundred for Worcestershire before being presented with a silver salver commemorating his century of first-class centuries.

How the England selectors can ignore a batsman capable of such feats is beyond the comprehension of the New Road regulars, although they seem happy enough to console themselves with the rich entertainment he continues to provide them. It is nearly two years since Hick played in the last of his 46 Tests but it seems only a matter of time before he is given another chance.

In the meantime, he will continue to play as he did in this Axa League game yesterday, on a pitch that reduced a stroke-maker like Tom Moody to 26 in 20 overs but could not prevent Hick from scoring 116 off 118 balls, including three sixes and eight fours.

Gloucestershire were without Courtney Walsh, who was given leave of absence to go to Paris to support Jamaica's footballers, but Smith, Alleyne and Ball all bowled well.

The less experienced Lewis and Cawdron could not cope with Hick's power, however, and with Weston hitting the ball cleanly in a fifth-wicket stand of 72, Worcestershire reached 207. It was too many for Gloucestershire, who put up a brave fight through Dawson, Alleyne and Wright but subsided.



Lewis: fifty at Pontypridd

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Axa League

Durham v Yorkshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Durham by six wickets

DURHAM

M A Roseberry c and b Lehmann	22
†M P Speight c Parker b Hutchison	16
N J Speak b Stemp	9
*D C Boon b Stemp	6
P D Collingwood c Blakey b Hamilton	23
J J B Lewis run out Vaughan	61
M J Foster b Sidebottom	14
N C Phillips run out Stemp	7
M M Betts c Lehmann b Silverwood	1
N Killeen b Silverwood	6
M J Saggers not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 2)	14
Total (40 overs)	180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-46, 3-60, 4-60, 5-104, 6-137, 7-159, 8-165, 9-178

BOWLING: Hutchison 7-0-39-1, Silverwood 7-0-30-2; Hamilton 7-0-33-1, Stemp 8-2-19-2; Lehmann 8-0-33-1; Sidebottom 3-0-21-1

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas not out	79
M P Vaughan run out Roseberry	5
D S Lehmann c Roseberry b Collingwood	52
A McGrath c Foster b Killeen	10
B Parker c Speight b Saggers	6
†R J Blakey not out	25
Extras (lb 4, w 1)	5
Total (4 wkts, 39.1 overs)	182

G M Hamilton, R D Stemp, C E W Silverwood, P M Hutchison and R J Sidebottom did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-104, 3-119, 4-135

BOWLING: Betts 7-0-30-0; Saggers 8-1-32-1; Killeen 7.1-1-36-1; Foster 8-0-33-0; Phillips 5-0-32-0; Collingwood 3-0-15-1

Umpires: G I Burgess and T E Jesty

Glamorgan v Leicestershire

PONTYPRIDD (Glamorgan won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by 20 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE

P V Simmons c Law b Watkin	10
V J Wells c Dawood b Thomas	13
B F Smith c Dawood b Watkin	2
D L Maddy c Butcher b Dale	33
D I Stevens c Dawood b Thomas	0
†P A Nixon c Dale b Thomas	50
*C C Lewis not out	56
J M Dakin run out Thomas	19
D Williamson b Butcher	2
Extras (lb 5, w 12)	17
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	202

M T Brimson and A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-21, 3-31, 4-31, 5-99, 6-155, 7-190, 8-202.

BOWLING: Watkin 8-1-20-2, Parkin 8-0-22-0, Thomas 7-0-41-3; Cosker 5-0-37-0, Dale 8-0-40-1; Butcher 4-0-37-1

GLAMORGAN

W L Law b Wells	34
A Dale c and b Williamson	38
*M P Maynard b Mullally	66
P A Cottey lbw b Williamson	9
M J Powell c and b Brimson	5
G P Butcher lbw b Williamson	2
†I Dawood run out	12
S D Thomas run out	12
S L Watkin b Mullally	2
D A Cosker not out	2
O T Parkin b Lewis	2
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 2)	8
Total (39.5 overs)	182

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-89, 3-117, 4-128, 5-135, 6-157, 7-170, 8-176, 9-177.

BOWLING: Mullally 7-0-21-2; Lewis 6.5-0-30-1, Simmons 8-0-35-0; Wells 5-0-24-1, Williamson 8-0-38-3, Brimson 7-0-31-1

Umpires: D R Shepherd and A Clarkson.

Hampshire v Derbyshire

BASINGSTOKE (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by seven wickets

DERBYSHIRE

T A Tweats c Stephenson b Connor	5
M J Slater c Whitaker b James	7
†A S Rollins b Connor	4
*K J Barnett not out	52
P A J DeFreitas b Connor	0
M E Cassar run out	11
V P Clarke c Aymes b McLean	27
B J Spendlove c Smith b Udal	14
G M Roberts lbw b Udal	7
P Aldred b Stephenson	3
K J Dean not out	8
Extras (lb 12, w 10)	22
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-15, 3-25, 4-25, 5-57, 6-94, 7-114, 8-125, 9-132.

BOWLING: James 8-2-23-1, Connor 8-1-27-3, Stephenson 8-0-21-1, Mascarenhas 3-0-19-0, McLean 6-0-30-1; Udal 7-1-28-2.

HAMPSHIRE

G W White c Clarke b Roberts	22
J P Stephenson c Clarke b Dean	4
*R A Smith not out	86
P R Whitaker c Cassar b Roberts	5
A D Mascarenhas not out	24
Extras (lb 2, lb 11, w 7)	20
Total (3 wkts, 37.4 overs)	164

D A Kenway, S D Udal, K D James, †A N Aymes, C A Connor and N A M McLean did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-74, 3-109.

BOWLING: Dean 7-0-34-1; DeFreitas 8-1-24-0, Clarke 8-1-29-0; Aldred 8.4-0-43-0; Roberts 8-2-21-2

Umpires: V A Holder and B Leadbeater.

Kent v Nottinghamshire

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Kent by nine wickets

KENT

T R Ward c Robinson b Franks	21
R W T Key c and b Bates	50
C L Hooper c and b Strang	20
A P Wells c Dowman b Bates	25
G R Cowdrey c Dowman b Franks	17
W J House c Dowman b Tolley	7
M V Fleming c Read b Tolley	3
M J McCague lbw b Evans	8
*†S A Marsh low b Evans	10
B J Phillips c Johnson b Franks	0
A P Igglesden not out	1
Extras (lb 1, lb 7, w 5, nb 2)	15
Total (58.3 overs)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-79, 3-118, 4-130, 5-149, 6-154, 7-154, 8-173, 9-174

BOWLING: Franks 7-1-21-3, Evans 7.3-0-53-2, Strang 8-0-28-1, Tolley 8-1-27-2; Bates 8-0-40-2

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

J E R Gallian not out	62
M P Dowman c Phillips b Fleming	21
*P Johnson not out	78
Extras (lb 12, w 5)	17
Total (1 wkt, 34.1 overs)	178

G F Archer, R T Robinson, C M Tolley, P J Franks, †C M W Read, P A Strang, K P Evans and R T Bates did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET 1-60.

BOWLING: McCague 8-0-33-0; Igglesden 8-0-21-0, Phillips 6-0-33-0; Fleming 5.1-0-28-1, Hooper 2-0-16-0, House 2-0-16-0; Cowdrey 3-0-20-0

Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer

Northamptonshire v Middlesex

NORTHAMPTON (Middlesex won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Middlesex by nine wickets

MIDDLESEX

A G J Fraser c Curran b Rose	7
*J L Langer not out	87
O A Shah c Walton b Penberthy	13
P N Weekes b Rose	0
†D C Nash c Sales b Curran	23
J C Pooley c Bailey b Snape	13
K P Dutch c Taylor	25
R L Johnson b Taylor	7
J P Hewitt b Follett	10
R A Kettleborough not out	1
Extras (lb 9, w 8, nb 2)	19
Total (40 overs)	205

T F Bloomfield did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-40, 3-41, 4-98, 5-125, 6-175, 7-185, 8-200.

BOWLING: Penberthy 6-0-28-1, Rose 8-1-33-2, Taylor 8-1-29-2, Follett 8-0-52-1, Snape 6-0-31-1; Curran 4-0-23-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

M B Loye not out	108
†R J Warren c Langer b Shah	35
*K M Curran not out	54
Extras (lb 3, w 6)	9
Total (1 wkt, 36.1 overs)	206

A L Penberthy, D J G Sales, R J Bailey, T C Walton, J N Snape, D Follett, J P Taylor and F A Rose did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-82.

BOWLING: Hewitt 6-0-23-0; Bloomfield 4-0-23-0; Johnson 6-0-23-0; Fraser 6-0-35-0; Weekes 6-0-27-0, Shah 4-0-24-1; Dutch 5-0-44-0; Langer 0.1-0-4-0

Umpires: A A Jones and R Palmer

Somerset v Essex

BATH (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Essex by seven wickets (D/L method)

ESSEX

D D J Robinson c Holloway b Rose	1
S G Law c Turner b Rose	21
*P J Prichard c Parsons b Jones	60
R C Irani lbw b Caddick	22
A P Grayson lbw b Caddick	0
S D Peters lbw b Trescothick	2
D R Law lbw b Jones	38
†R J Rollins c Jones b Caddick	36
M C Ilott run out	5
P M Such not out	0
Extras (lb 6, w 12, nb 2)	20
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	209

D M Cousins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-37, 3-81, 4-81, 5-84, 6-162, 7-163, 8-209, 9-209.

BOWLING: Rose 8-2-33-2; Caddick 7-0-38-3, Jones 8-0-35-2; Trescothick 8-0-47-1; Mushtaq 2-0-18-0; Parsons 7-0-32-0.

SOMERSET

M Burns c Robinson b Such	53
P C L Holloway c Such b Ilott	8
†R J Turner c Robinson b Grayson	43
M N Lathwell not out	10
R J Harden not out	1
Extras (lb 1, lb 3, w 7)	11
Total (3 wkts, 23.5 overs)	139

G D Rose, *A Mushtaq, K A Parsons, M E Trescothick, A R Caddick and S Jones did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-108, 3-115.

BOWLING: Ilott 5-0-24-1; Cousins 5-0-23-0; Grayson 4-5-0-31-1, Irani 5-1-15-0; S G Law 2-0-12-0; Such 2-0-17-1.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and M J Harris

Sussex v Warwickshire

HOVE (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Sussex by seven runs

WARWICKSHIRE

N V Knight c Humphries b Kirtley	4
N M K Smith b Kirtley	80
*B C Lara c Kirtley b Jarvis	59
D P Ostler b Lewry	19
T L Penney run out Carpenter	6
D L Hemp b Kirtley	18
A F Giles b Jarvis	4
D R Brown lbw b Jarvis	0
G Welch not out	10
†K J Piper not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 17, nb 2)	34
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	236

G C Small did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-152, 3-175, 4-188, 5-203, 6-215, 7-215, 8-233.

BOWLING: Lewry 8-0-51-1, Kirtley 8-0-48-3; Bevan 8-0-40-0; Robinson 8-0-48-0; Jarvis 8-0-34-3

Surrey suffer 38
Lift for Lara 39

SUSSEX

W G Khan c and b Hemp	33
*C J Adams b Small	10
M G Bevan b Giles	56
M Newell c Lara b Hemp	32
M T E Peirce b Giles	0
J R Carpenter not out	42
P W Jarvis b Giles	24
†S Humphries not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 7, nb 8)	28
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	229

J D Lewry, R J Kirtley and M A Robinson did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-85, 3-142, 4-142, 5-163, 6-222.

BOWLING: Welch 8-0-44-0, Brown 2-0-14-0; Small 8-0-27-1; Smith 8-0-39-0; Hemp 8-0-43-2; Giles 8-0-48-3.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and Lloyds.

Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

WORCESTER (Gloucestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 13 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody st Russell b Ball	26
V S Solanki c Russell b Smith	1
G A Hick c Windows b Lewis	116
D A Leatherdale c Ball b Alleyne	3
G R Haynes c Russell b Alleyne	5
W P C Weston run out	37
S R Lampitt c Alleyne b Cawdron	1
†S W K Ellis not out	2
S J Rhodes not out	1
Extras (lb 4, w 9, nb 2)	15
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	207

R J Chapman and R K Illingworth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-82, 3-93, 4-101, 5-173, 6-179, 7-204.

BOWLING: Smith 8-0-34-1, Lewis 8-0-56-1; Cawdron 8-0-54-1; Alleyne 8-0-31-2; Ball 8-1-26-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

G I Macmillan b Chapman	11
R I Dawson c and b Moody	30
*M W Alleyne b Leatherdale	36
A J Wright c Lampitt b Illingworth	46
†R C Russell c and b Illingworth	9
M G N Windows c and b Leatherdale	15
T H C Hancock b Leatherdale	0
M C J Ball run out	1
J Lewis not out	19
M J Cawdron not out	17
Extras (lb 3, w 5, nb 2)	10
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	194

A M Smith did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-72, 3-102, 4-119, 5-153, 6-155, 7-157, 8-183

BOWLING: Haynes 8-0-34-0; Chapman 4-0-22-1, Lampitt 8-0-24-0, Moody 8-0-37-1; Leatherdale 8-0-42-3; Illingworth 8-0-32-2.

Umpires: H D Bird and P Willey

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Nr	Pts	RR
Lancashire (3)	8	6	1	0	1	26	11.27
Yorkshire (10)	9	6	2	0	1	26	2.88
Essex (7)	9	5	2	1	1	24	11.56
Middlesex (16)	9	5	2	0	2	24	3.30
Hampshire (15)	8	5	2	0	1	22	8.11
Kent (2)	8	4	2	0	2	20	8.24
Warwicks (1)	8	4	2	0	2	20	2.70
Leics (4)	8	4	3	0	1	18	12.97
Somerset (6)	9	4	4	1	0	18	2.14
Derbyshire (14)	9	3	4	0	2	16	-5.66
Notts (12)	7	3	3	1	0	14	-6.15
Worcs (8)	7	3	3	0	1	14	-11.73
Durham (17)	9	2	4	1	2	14	-1.48
Glocs (11)	9	2	4	0	3	14	-3.35
Northants (9)	9	2	5	0	2	12	-4.42
Sussex (18)	8	2	5	0	1	10	-9.19
Glamorgan (13)	9	1	7	0	1	6	-16.61
Surrey (5)	7	0	6	0	1	2	-15.51

(Last year's positions in brackets)

Independence Cup

Sri Lanka v New Zealand

COLOMBO (New Zealand won toss): Sri Lanka beat New Zealand by seven wickets

NEW ZEALAND

B A Young c Chandana b Dharmasena	55
N J Astle b Muralitharan	33
S P Fleming run out	47
M J Horne st Kaluwitharana b Dharmasena	1
C D McMillan c Muralitharan b Chandana	26
C L Cairns c Atapattu b Chandana	7
†A C Parore c Kaluwitharana b Chandana	1
C Z Harris b Dharmasena	7
D Nash run out	1
D L Vettori not out	6
S B O'Connor not out	6
Extras (lb 9, w 3)	12
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	200

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-107, 3-112, 4-169, 5-171, 6-178, 7-179, 8-186, 9-189.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 8-0-35-0; Bandaratilleke 10-0-41-0, Dharmasena 10-0-40-3; Muralitharan 10-1-24-1; Jayasuriya 7-0-27-0, Chandana 7-1-24-3.

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya c McMillan b Vettori	57
†R S Kaluwitharana hit wkt b O'Connor	2
P A de Silva b Astle	42
M S Atapattu not out	83
*A Ranatunga not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 4)	13
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs)	201

R S Mahanama, H D P K Dharmasena, U U Chandana, G P Wickremasinghe, M Muralitharan and M L C N Bandaratilleke did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-85, 3-180

BOWLING: O'Connor 4-0-21-1, Nash 6-0-25-0, Cairns 5-0-24-0, Harris 10-0-50-0; Vettori 8-0-41-1, McMillan 4-0-29-0; Astle 3-2-2-1.

Umpires: B C Cooray and D N Pathirana.

South Africa canter to victory after lively Hussain-Stewart partnership proves false dawn

England capitulate to back-up seamers

LORD'S (fourth day of five): South Africa beat England by ten wickets

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE delusion endured well into the afternoon at Lord's. English batting of bristling defiance intoxicating the crowd still faster than the sunshine and champagne. All manner of heroic possibilities began to suggest themselves, but reality ambushed the day with dramatic speed and, in less than an hour, it was effectively over.

England, some way down the route to redemption during a stirring stand of 116 between Nasser Hussain and Alec Stewart, expired wretchedly. In 56 minutes, they lost six wickets for 11 runs to South Africa's second-line seam bowlers. In blameless conditions, against an undeniably flagging attack, this was a collapse still more culpable than their puny first innings.

A capacity crowd, exultant over lunch as Hussain closed in on his seventh Test century, was reduced to stony silence relieved only by distraction and irony. They found two causes to cheer before the curtain came down — first, when the giant screen revealed that Germany were losing 2-0 in the World Cup and then, mockingly, when a frisky last-wicket partnership avoided the indignity of an innings defeat.

It was empty consolation. England were beaten with virtually four sessions unused. Taking the weather delays of Thursday into account, they barely took the game beyond three days, despite starting with such half-forgotten promise that South Africa were tottering at 46 for four on the opening afternoon.

For England, it was the familiar tale of a lost opportunity in the field giving way to inept and irresolute batting. They capitulated, just as they had done against South Africa here four years ago, just as they have done with depressing regularity over recent years. On days such as this, the concept of a team moving forward seems absurd.

For South Africa, though, this was a considerable triumph. Like England at Edgbaston, they had to overcome the loss of what appeared to be an important toss. Recovery and retrenchment were treacherous stepping stones towards command, but they were sure-footed throughout, adversity once more their rallying call.



Ramprakash: fined

Jonty Rhodes scored more runs himself than England could total in the first innings and was properly named man of the match, but he was not a solitary candidate. Allan Donald, who described his own bowling in the first Test as "disgraceful", took five for 32 in the first England innings and yesterday, when neither he nor the impressive Shaun Pollock could beg or buy a wicket. Jacques Kallis produced a spell to decide the game.

Swinging the ball late, at a brisk pace, Kallis broke the stand that had been threatening to carry England into a substantial lead and then plucked out the priceless wicket of Graham Thorpe for nought. He was to add two more, during the customary tailend surrender, but only after Lance Klusener, the other unsung seam bowler, had dismissed Hussain and Mark Ramprakash in a single over.

Hussain had done all in his power to atone for the reckless shot that instigated England's decline on Saturday. Ramprakash, however, will wish to forget the entire match. Disciplined, by a fine and suspended ban, for palpable dissent when given out on Saturday, he now collected his fourth nought in his last five Test innings on his home ground.

Sunday began with Hussain and Headley at the crease, just as they were 24 hours earlier. Unlike Saturday, though, the fourth day provided the best batting conditions of the game. South Africa dealt swiftly with the nightwatchman, Headley nudging Adams to silly point, but they had a long time afterwards to wonder if Hansie Cronje had been right to enforce the follow-on.

Cronje had settled quickly for defensive fields as Hussain and Atherton launched the England rally on Saturday. Now, for 90 minutes before the availability of the new ball, he employed Adams from one end and rotated his quick bowlers from the other.

None was successful, though Klusener came close twice. He first had Stewart, on 17, dropped at slip by Cullinan as he played a loose shot, then, in his next over, he induced a top-edged pull from Hussain to long-leg. Donald saw the ball late and put the chance down as he plunged forward.

The pitch remained good, occasional low bounce notwithstanding, and even the new ball did not deter England. Far from it, in fact, as Hussain and Stewart took 40 off six overs before lunch. Even Pollock, boasting the remarkable figures of one for ten in his nineteenth over, briefly suffered some disrespect.

Some fanciful equations were discussed among the picnic hampers, the most optimistic being that England could achieve a lead of 200 by lunchtime on the fifth day and then who knew what twists might ensue? We all should have known better.

Hussain duly completed a century that his recent ill-luck alone deserved and Stewart went imperiously past 50. England were 28 runs behind when Kallis drew Stewart into the drive, swung the ball away and went up with his close fielders for the catch behind. George Sharp, the umpire, concurred, though Stewart's body language — shaking his head and casting baleful backward looks at the replay screen — suggested that he did not. England will feel the umpiring went against them here, but they would do well not to offer the excuse.

Two leg-before decisions now confirmed England's destiny, Thorpe falling without scoring to the last ball of an over from Kallis, Hussain following to the first ball of the next from Klusener. When Ramprakash, perhaps distracted by other events, was yorked by the fourth ball that he received, the mood of the day had changed irrevocably.

Cork, twitching involuntarily against Kallis's outswing, gave Mark Boucher his seventh catch of the game and Ealham, who looks increasingly out of his depth, was bowled between bat and pad.

The last-wicket stand was the third most productive of the innings, but it was also entirely irrelevant. Yet again, England must try to win a series from behind.

GH L ALLEN



Hussain launches a drive against Adams during his seventh Test century, which served only to delay the end

FINAL SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

England won toss

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

A M Bacher c Stewart b Cork ..... 22 (63min, 43 balls, 4 fours)
G Kirsten b Cork ..... 4 (12min, 7 balls, 1 four)
J H Kallis b Cork ..... 0 (10min, 8 balls)
D J Cullinan c Stewart b Cork ..... 16 (47min, 36 balls, 3 fours)
*†W J Cronje c Ramprakash b Ealham 81 (233min, 169 balls, 11 fours)
J N Rhodes c Stewart b Fraser ..... 117 (296min, 200 balls, 1 six, 14 fours)
S M Pollock c Hussain b Cork ..... 14 (60min, 51 balls, 1 four)
†M V Boucher c Stewart b Headley ..... 35 (102min, 71 balls, 5 fours)
L Klusener b Headley ..... 34 (70min, 45 balls, 6 fours)
A A Donald not out ..... 7 (31min, 18 balls)
P R Adams c Stewart b Cork ..... 3 (12min, 8 balls)
Extras (b 1, lb 20, nb 6) 27
Total (108.1 overs, 474min) 360

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8 (Bacher 4), 2-16 (Bacher 12), 3-43 (Cullinan 15), 4-46 (Cronje 2), 5-230 (Rhodes 93), 6-273 (Rhodes 114), 7-283 (Boucher 6), 8-340 (Boucher 29), 9-353 (Donald 7).

BOWLING: Fraser 31-8-78-1; Cork 31.1-5-119-6; Headley 22-2-69-2; Ealham 15-2-50-1; Croft 9-3-23-0.

ENGLAND: First Innings

S P James c Boucher b Donald ..... 10 (19min, 15 balls, 2 fours)
M A Atherton c Kirsten b Pollock ..... 0 (16min, 12 balls)
N Hussain c Boucher b Donald ..... 15 (65min, 47 balls, 3 fours)
*†A J Stewart lbw b Pollock ..... 14 (31min, 21 balls, 2 fours)
D W Headley c Boucher b Donald ..... 2 (38min, 30 balls)
G P Thorpe c Bacher b Kallis ..... 10 (43min, 22 balls, 1 four)
M R Ramprakash c Boucher b Donald 12 (96min, 64 balls, 1 four)
M A Ealham run out (Kirsten/Bacher) .. 8 (20min, 16 balls, 2 fours)
D G Cork c Klusener b Pollock ..... 12 (53min, 41 balls, 2 fours)
R D B Croft not out ..... 6 (19min, 10 balls, 1 four)
A R C Fraser c Boucher b Donald ..... 1 (4min, 4 balls)
Extras (b 8, lb 10, nb 2) 20
Total (48.3 overs, 208min) 110

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15 (James 10), 2-15 (Hussain 0), 3-40 (Hussain 10), 4-48 (Headley 1), 5-48 (Thorpe 0), 6-64 (Ramprakash 0), 7-74 (Ramprakash 2), 8-97 (Cork 6), 9-109 (Croft 5).

BOWLING: Donald 15.3-5-32-5 (5 fours; 13-5-21-3, 2.3-0-11-2); Pollock 18-8-42-3 (nb 2; 8 fours; 13-4-29-2, 5-1-13-1); Klusener 8-5-10-0 (1 four; one spell); Kallis 5-3-8-1 (2 fours; one spell).

SCORING NOTES: Third day: Lunch: 94-7 (41 overs, 182min; Ramprakash 11, Cork 4). All out at 2.06pm — follow on enforced.

ENGLAND: Second Innings

M A Atherton c Kallis b Adams ..... 44 (196min, 142 balls, 7 fours)
S P James c Kallis b Pollock ..... 0 (13min, 7 balls)
N Hussain lbw b Klusener ..... 106 (390min, 294 balls, 17 fours)
D W Headley c Cronje b Adams ..... 1 (28min, 30 balls)
*†A J Stewart c Boucher b Kallis ..... 58 (161min, 117 balls, 7 fours)
G P Thorpe lbw b Kallis ..... 0 (12min, 9 balls)
M R Ramprakash b Klusener ..... 0 (7min, 4 balls)
M A Ealham b Kallis ..... 4 (38min, 21 balls)
D G Cork c Boucher b Kallis ..... 2 (18min, 17 balls)
R D B Croft not out ..... 16 (60min, 41 balls, 1 four)
A R C Fraser c Pollock b Adams ..... 17 (45min, 42 balls, 1 four)
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 5, nb 7) 19
Total (120 overs, 491min) 264

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8 (Atherton 8), 2-102 (Hussain 50), 3-106 (Hussain 53), 4-222 (Hussain 103), 5-224 (Hussain 105), 6-224 (Ramprakash 0), 7-225 (Ealham 1), 8-228 (Ealham 2), 233-9 (Croft 2).

BOWLING: Donald 24-6-82-0 (nb 2, w 2; 10 fours; 4-2-16-0, 5-2-11-0, 6-1-8-0, 7-1-38-0, 2-0-8-0); Pollock 27-16-29-1 (nb 2; 3 fours; 6-4-4-1, 5-4-1-0, 2-2-0-0, 4-2-5-0, 7-2-17-0, 3-2-2-0); Klusener 28-5-54-2 (7 fours; 5-1-14-0, 7-2-20-0, 5-1-10-0, 6-1-10-2); Kallis 18-9-24-4 (2 fours; 3-2-8-0, 3-2-3-0, 13-5-13-4); Adams 23.7-62-3 (10 fours; 1-0-4-0, 7-3-12-1, 13-4-35-1, 2-0-11-1); Cronje 4-2-6-0 (1 four; one spell).

SCORING NOTES: Third day: Tea: 47-1 (19 overs, 81min; Atherton 26, Hussain 15). Stumps: 105-2 (54 overs, 218min; Hussain 52, Headley 1). Fourth day: Lunch: 200-3 (86 overs, 341 min; Hussain 97, Stewart 43). Second new ball taken at 12.36pm fourth day — England 160-3 (80 overs).

SOUTH AFRICA: Second Innings

G Kirsten not out ..... 9 (6min, 4 balls, 2 fours)
D J Cullinan not out ..... 5 (6min, 4 balls, 1 four)
Extras (nb 1) 1
Total (no wkt, 1.1 overs, 6min) 15

BOWLING: Fraser 1-0-10-0 (2 fours); Cork 0.1-0-5-0 (nb 1; 1 four).

South Africa won by ten wickets.

Match award: J N Rhodes (Adjudicator: R G D Willis).

Umpires: D B Hair (Australia) and G Sharp. Third umpire: B Dudleston. Match referee: Javed Burki (Pakistan).

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Lord's prayer remains unanswered

MICHAEL HENDERSON



At Lord's

Once again a touring team has played like lords at the home of cricket — and England have been confined to the minstrels' gallery. It has occurred so often in recent years that it should no longer be a cause for puzzlement but, until England show that this stage inspires them as it clearly does virtually every other team, they cannot avoid criticism.

Last night the misery of defeat was compounded by the suspended one-match ban of Mark Ramprakash. The golden boy of Lord's, who was warmly applauded to the crease on Saturday morning, ended the game much as his gesture had been interpreted, somewhere between disappointment and disgrace.

He had shown some reluctance to leave when Darrell Hair gave him out caught behind and he departed with a complaint about the decision that, in the umpire's opinion, violated the ICC code of conduct. Accordingly, he was summoned before Javed Burki, the match referee, at close of play.

Having interviewed him, Burki initially withheld the terms of his punishment, stating that the player's involvement in the match was an "exceptional circumstance" that warranted delay. After England's second innings closed, Burki declared that Ramprakash had been fined 25 per cent of his match fee — £800 — for "physical and verbal" dissent, and would receive a suspended one-match ban.

When the teams meet again, at Old Trafford next week, Burki will summon the captains, Alec Stewart and Hansie Cronje, for a little chat before the game, as ICC referees always do. He will remind them of their vows to be responsible for the behaviour of their players, and no further mention will be made of either the Ramprakash incident, or the one that involved Allan Donald in the over before lunch yesterday.

Cronje admitted that the line between dissent and disappointment was a thin one, but he did not think Donald stepped over it. Stewart emphasised that the relations between the sides were healthy. Better to put Donald's antics down to a fast bowler's temperament, and Ramprakash's to the mist that often clouds reason when a batsman has to walk off.

Better by far to commend the cricket. There were some wonderful moments in this Test, even if South Africa needed only three of the five days to win it. Rhodes batted with swagger, Donald bowled like the great fast bowler that he is and Kallis contributed catches and wickets that compensated for his failure with the bat. Hussain, who came into the match on a desperately unlucky run of bad decisions and freak dismissals, batted with real gumption.

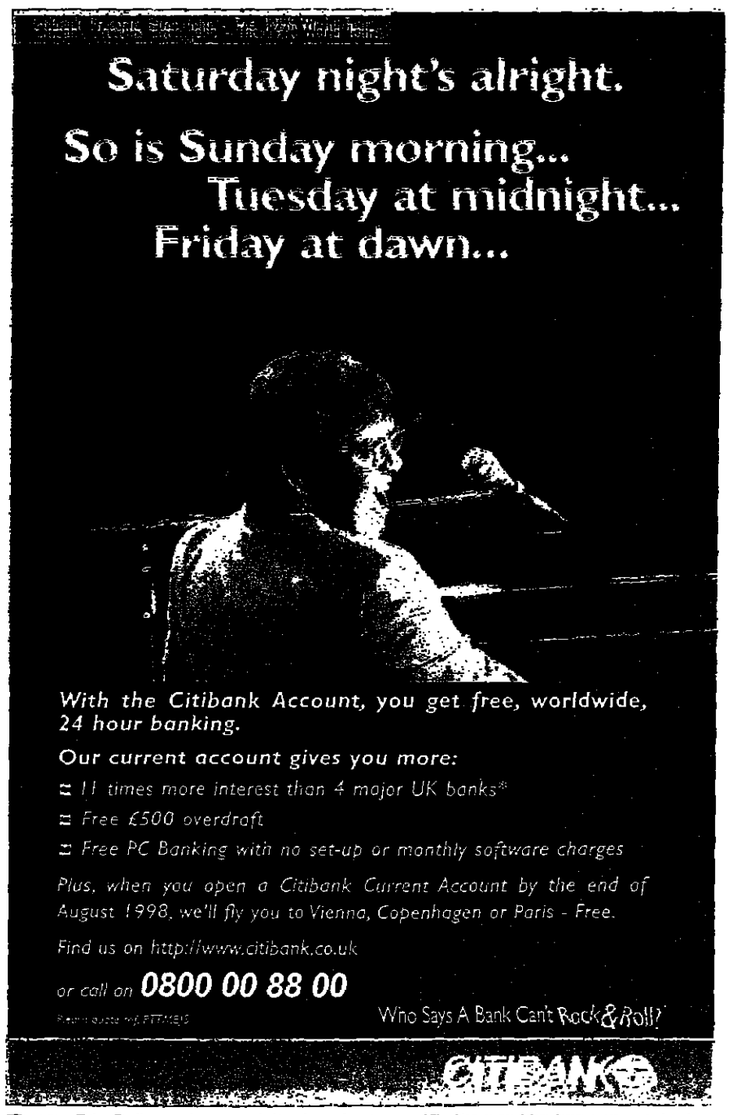
Stewart paid tribute to the bowling of Pollock and Donald. "You have to give them a bit of credit for their bowling today. Sometimes, after a big partnership, you can lose one or two batsmen. This time we lost six or seven." Of Donald, he said: "I've played against many fast bowlers but he maintains his pace for longer more than the others.

"We certainly had the best of the first Test and they outplayed us here. But there are still three Tests to go, it's a long summer and there's plenty of time to put things right."

Everybody in the crowd will digest their own memories, and it would be surprising if they did not include the stupendous fielding of Rhodes. One stop at cover yesterday was prodigious and, the previous evening, when Atherton took two runs to third man, the way that Rhodes chased, swooped, gathered, balanced himself and returned the ball at stump height to Boucher was a vivid representation of this brilliant fielder's artistry.

Cronje also drew attention to the quality of Rhodes's batting in the first innings. "He had to work very, very hard to get back into the Test side and he's not going to let the chance go by," Cronje said. "He's playing so well at the moment that he makes whoever is at the other end look like an inexperienced amateur."

A word, too, for the ground and the crowd. Lord's looks better than ever, and will be even more handsome when the media centre is completed. The crowd behaved as Lord's crowds do, with good sense and generosity. After the Edgbaston horror show that is one English triumph worth savouring.



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CRICKET

Warwickshire will hope to build on decisive victory

SIMON WILDE



Championship Commentary

FOR those who thought the first two months of the season perverse. England having the better of South Africa in the first Test match may have been surprising enough, but Britannic Assurance county championship tables that appeared to be upside down stretched credulity. Finally, though, events are taking a more predictable course.

The notion of Warwickshire beating Sussex with an innings to spare would not have caused pre-season eyebrow-raising, but the champions of 1994 and 1995 had lost four of their first six matches and last year's wooden-spoonists won three of theirs to move into third place.

The first partnership of the match virtually decided the issue — Knight and Powell scored 272 together — though Giles and Smith, the Warwickshire spinners, finished the job for their side with only ten minutes left on the Hove clocks, their opponents thus showing more fight than they often did last year.

The Warwickshire victory on Saturday briefly lifted them from sixteenth to ninth in the table and they will now be looking to mount a charge in a competition rarely won by sides who fail to get on a roll. They won without a run from Brian Lara, the form-crisis stories about whom have been one of the few predictable elements to the summer.

This was one of the few games not requiring declarations to maintain momentum, although two other unlikely members of the leading pack also lost without deals being struck. Durham's improbable run had ended deflatingly on Friday in a three-day defeat by Yorkshire, while Gloucestershire were beaten by Worcestershire in a match devoid of negotiation that did credit to both captains.

In defeat, Mark Alleyne may regret not settling for a draw, but Worcestershire could have come unstuck chasing 208 in 40 overs without an exceptional contribution from Abdul Hafeez, a young Birmingham League player, who struck a maiden half-century off 35 balls. They won with six balls to spare.

Before the latest round, Essex were winless and implausibly propping up the table, but they got off the mark by beating Somerset at Bath. In a cliff-hanger finish, Essex reached their target of 300 with their last pair together, Peter Such, the No 11, surviving 14 balls before Ronnie Irani hit the winning runs. Irani was the matchwinner with a career-best 127 not out, by 80 runs his highest score of the season, though Essex would not have won without Danny Law's rustic contribution to a seventh-wicket stand of 113 in 13 overs.

The shake-out continued with Kent, tipped for several trophies, winning their first match since May 25 by virtue of a brilliant innings from Carl Hooper, though they got to the target left them by Nottinghamshire at Canterbury — 334 in 58 overs — in easier fashion than Essex.

Hooper was magnificent, smiting 122 off 97 balls and almost clearing the Woolley Stand with one hit off Strang, who filled in as the Kent overseas player during Hooper's absence last year. Strang was a popular player and was ungraciously treated. Wells and McCague also punishing him during their decisive partnership of 51 that took Kent home with 15 balls left.

Nottinghamshire, now bottom of the table, deserved more from a game they had earlier dominated and might have won but for injuries.

More realistic contenders than Kent might be Leicestershire, who have been as cruelly treated by the weather as Middlesex and Northamptonshire. They showed their pedigree when rain abated to allow a fourth-day contest in Cardiff. Glamorgan, the defending champions, never looked like making the 285 runs they needed and were swiftly dismissed for 144.



BEN DUFFY

Boys wait nervously for the buzzer to start the medley at the national titles

Fiery Flintoff puts Surrey to the sword

BY JOHN STERN

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (20pts) beat Surrey (3) by six wickets

ANDREW FLINTOFF, 20, the Lancashire batsman with the physique of a second-row forward, hit 34 yesterday off an over from Alex Tudor, the young Surrey player who is regarded as one of the fastest English-qualified bowlers on the circuit.

In all, 38 runs came from the 41st over of Lancashire's successful pursuit of 250 to beat the Britannic Assurance county championship leaders, including two no-balls that count for four runs. As an overall world record made in legitimate circumstances, it cannot compete with Sobers and Shastri, who hit six sixes off six-ball overs. However, it does beat the 35 runs, which included six no-balls, that came in an over by Auckland against Wellington in 1995-96. In terms of runs off the bat, it ranks alongside the 34 scored by E. B. Alletson, in 1911, and Frank Hayes, in 1977 for Lancashire at Swansea.

Flintoff could have had more, because he actually failed to score off the last ball. It must be stressed for the sceptics that Flintoff's innings of 61 from 24 balls, including seven fours and five sixes, the fastest fifty of the season, was made in a serious and important run-chase, against a bowler who is rated highly.

Adam Hollioake made a declaration that seemed generous at the time and now looks foolish in the extreme. Surrey gratefully accepted 20 overs of declaration bowling to close on 254 for one, setting their hosts 250 off 53 overs.

The early departure of McKeown aside, Lancashire progressed well thanks to Crawley, whose timing, especially square of the wicket on the off side, was superb, and Wood, who remained unbeaten on 80 when the winning run was struck with eight overs to spare.

Flintoff came to the crease to replace Crawley with the score on 151 for two in the 34th over. First he hit Amin, the slow left-armer, out of the attack and then set about Tudor, whom he used to captain for England Under-19, by hooking the first ball of the 41st over mid-wicket. The sequence of this extraordinary over was 6 (no ball), 4, 4, 4, 4 (no-ball), 6, 6, dot.

Swimming under threat

BY CRAIG LORD

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

IT WAS a blunt truism from Richard Thorp: "You can learn to read *War and Peace*, but if you fall off a boat and die, it's not much good to you, is it?" Even Tolstoy might have agreed.

Thorp, a council member of the English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA), was speaking at the national primary schools swimming championships at Pond Forge in Sheffield on Saturday on behalf of absent friends — not just those schools who did not qualify for the final, but the 400 or so people, many of them children, who drown in Great Britain each year.

The birthing pool of future swimming champions, in which the talents of 500 of the best 11 and 12-year-olds overflow, may seem an odd place to hear talk of drowning, yet the issue is pressing. Come September, the statutory obligation for schools to take swimming seriously will effectively sink without trace.

On the one hand, schools must still ensure as part of their curriculum that each child learns to swim 25 metres by the time they are 12, yet school inspectors have been told by the Education Department that schools will not be marked down if they fail to fulfil the whole curriculum in a quest to promote maths, English and science.

The danger of such an optional choice is that swimming will be squeezed from the timetable. A survey of 4,000 schools, called Swim For Life, found a 23 per cent decline in school swimming lessons in the past three years and noted that many schools offering swimming withdrew pupils from the sport as soon as they managed the minimum requirement. That could mean an end to swimming lessons for a child of nine whose ability to swim 25 metres in a pool might count for little in a flowing river.

Marie Bracey, of ESSA, said: "The safety issues are paramount, but it goes well beyond that. Swimming is an activity that every child can do, but not every child would do if they did not do it at school."

Such values are prized highly in the independent sector. The evidence was clear on Saturday at Sheffield, a city that failed to provide a finalist among the 92 schools competing and where the gulf between state schools and their elite cousins was as tangible as the colour purple provided by Bazuka, one of the most generous supporters of swimming in Britain.

Saturday was about those who have long been committed to the water. It was a day for unsung heroes such as Derek Young, the coach at Our Lady's Chetwynde in Barrow-in-Furness, where the surrounding Lake District makes swimming an essential skill. "We put 350 children through swimming lessons every week," Young said.

His boys won the medley and freestyle events in impressive times — 12-year-olds racing at sub-30sec 50 metres freestyle pace is a sight to behold — but more encouraging was the superb technique that Young and his teachers, Gail Whitely and Manny Boyd, had instilled in their junior charges. From such learning are champions born.

ROWING

Women's medal haul provides British success

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL IN HAZEWINKEL, BELGIUM

BRITISH crews were involved in six finals, five for the women's squad and one, the prestigious eights, for the men, in the second round of the World Cup here yesterday. The women excelled, delighting spectators with one gold medal, one silver and two bronze, but there was a bonus when, in the day's finale, the men's eights came up the course and Great Britain took an impressive silver.

The outstanding Britain display came from Dot Blackie and Cath Bishop, the winners in the first round of the World Cup in Munich three weeks before, in the women's coxless pairs. The talented Australians led the Britons to the halfway mark, but Bishop and Blackie then produced an increase in power, swept to the lead in the third 500 metres and won, under control, with clear water.

Miriam Batten and Gillian Lindsay made their first appearance of the year in the double sculls. Earlier beset by illness and injury, Batten and Lindsay were third at 500 metres behind Holland and Germany. They passed the Germans by halfway, but did not threaten the Dutch.

The two women's bronze medals came in the lightweight double sculls and the eights. Tracy Langlands and Jane Hall, in the double, won silver in Munich, but the addition of two Germany crews, one of them reigning world champions, and Australia made life tougher. Britain clung to the third spot from the start, holding off the world champions by a split-second on the line.

Blackie and Bishop completed a double, rowing at No 5 and stroke in the bronze medal-winning eight. Nobody threatened the world champions, from Romania, but Australia narrowly won the duel for silver.

Jürgen Gröbler, the chief men's coach, with his flagship men's coxless four absent, was delighted with the silver medal for the eight. The crew, stroked by Steve Trapmore, produced another sparkling first 500 metres to lead. Romania went past, but Britain led a blanket chasing pack.

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BOWLS

England's costly slip punished by Wales

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

WALES retained the British women's team championship at the end of a topsy-turvy home international series in Llandrindod Wells yesterday. Betty Morgan, the Welsh champion, won the British singles title and a Llantrisant quartet skipped by Joyce Thornton took the fours.

That left scant pickings for the visitors, but Ann Beale and Carol Duckworth, of England, picked up the pairs, while Irene Wilson, Margaret Stavert and Julie Forrest, also of England, took the triples.

The defeat on Friday by England in their opening match was a severe blow to Wales and there were glum faces on display in Rock Park as it seemed that the host country's chances of retaining the Eve Trophy had all but vanished. However, almost inconceivably, Ireland, who has been overwhelmed by a below-strength Scotland team, did the host country a favour on Saturday by beating England, while the Wales defeated the Scots to create a four-way tie with only yesterday morning's final session left to play.

Scotland started the day as favourites, with a shots credit of 38, while Wales were only four shots to the good. England had to clear an "overdraft" of 13 shots, while Ireland seemed out of contention with a deficit of 29.

Wales, determined to take advantage of their unexpected opportunity, powered to a 131-99 win over Ireland, while England scuppered Scotland's chances, but could not overhaul the Welsh. Three Welsh rinks — skipped by Betty Morgan, Ann Dainton and Gill Miles — finished the series unbeaten, but England, in second place, could manage only six rink wins in 18 encounters.

Morgan, an attacking player, who had previously won the British singles title in 1995, led Joyce Lindores throughout the final, but it took her 30 ends to complete her 25-18 victory.

Her compatriots, Marianne Acreman, Marilyn Davies, Merle Cox and Joyce Thornton, from Llantrisant, trailed Glennis Haines's Derbyshire quartet 10-17 after 14 ends, but fought back over the last four ends to win 21-19.

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

Saturday

Glamorgan v Leicestershire

CARDIFF (final day of four): Leicestershire (19pts) beat Glamorgan (4) by 140 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 292 (P A Nixon 101 not out, C C Lewis 50). Second Innings 66 for 2 dec

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 74 for 3 dec

Second Innings

W L Law c Wells b Mullally	25
A Dale c Simmons b Lewis	5
M J Powell c Nixon b Lewis	0
*M P Maynard run out	32
P A Cottey c Dakin b Mullally	41
G P Butcher low b Lewis	4
†A D Shaw c Sutcliffe b Brimson	4
S D Thomas low b Brimson	9
Waqar Younis c Lewis b Brimson	8
D A Cosker not out	1
O T Parkin b Brimson	0
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 4)	15
Total	144

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-32, 3-32, 4-100, 5-107, 6-119, 7-119, 8-137, 9-144

BOWLING: Mullally 18-7-47-2, Lewis 15-5-47-3, Wells 9-3-23-0, Dakin 5-1-12-0, Brimson 8-8-4-4

Umpires: D R Shepherd and A Clarkson

Hampshire v Derbyshire

BASINGSTOKE (final day of four): Hampshire (21pts) beat Derbyshire (5) by five wickets

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 350 (A S Rollins 89)

Second Innings

A S Rollins c Stephenson b Connor	9
M J Slater c Smith b Connor	14
T A Tweats b Smith	44
K J Barnett not out	44
M E Cassar not out	24
Extras (lb 1, nb 4)	5
Total (3 wkts dec)	140

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-28, 3-106

BOWLING: McLean 6-1-15-0, Connor 6-1-23-2, Smith 9-1-63-1, White 8-1-38-0

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 210 for 4 dec (R A Smith 104 not out)

Second Innings

G W White c Tweats b Dean	7
J P Stephenson c Roberts b Lacey	75
P R Whitaker b Roberts	45
*R A Smith c sub b DeFreitas	17
†A N Aymes not out	61
A D Mascarenhas b Aldred	51
S D Udal not out	2
Extras (lb 6, lb 9, nb 8)	23
Total (5 wkts)	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-111, 3-150, 4-152, 5-266.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 13-2-50-1, Dean 10-3-51-1, Aldred 6-1-44-1, Lacey 13-2-48-1, Roberts 17-2-65-1, Barnett 2-0-8-0

Umpires: V A Holder and B Leadbeater

Kent v Nottinghamshire

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Kent (22pts) beat Nottinghamshire (7) by three wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 309 (J E R Gallian 82, R T Robinson 58, M V Fleming 4 for 49)

Second Innings

M P Dowman retired hurt	1
J E R Gallian low b Philips	80
U Afzaal c Marsh b McCague	4
R T Robinson c Key b Fleming	76
*P Johnson c Fulton b Philips	16
G F Archer b De la Pena	51
P J Franks not out	66
†C M W Read not out	4
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 4)	9
Total (5 wkts dec)	307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-154, 3-174, 4-193, 5-286

BOWLING: McCague 19-4-70-1, Phillips 20-3-56-2, Fleming 18.4-6-46-1, De la Pena 12-0-72-1, Hooper 16-2-37-0, Walker 4-0-21-0, Ward 2-0-4-0

KENT: First Innings 283 (R W T Key 115, P J Franks 4 for 104)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Robinson b Franks	30
R W T Key c and b Strang	45
M V Fleming low b Strang	16
C L Hooper st Read b Afzaal	122
A P Wells not out	78
T R Ward c Dowman b Strang	3
M J Walker c and b Strang	1
*†S A Marsh c Robinson b Strang	1
M J McCague not out	25
Extras (lb 10, lb 9, nb 4)	23
Total (7 wkts)	334

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-74, 3-113, 4-247, 5-278, 6-281, 7-283

BOWLING: Bowen 8-0-53-0, Franks 9-2-40-1, Strang 23-1-105-5, Afzaal 14.3-1-41-1, Dowman 1-0-5-0

Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer

Northamptonshire v Middlesex

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Northamptonshire (7pts) drew with Middlesex (7)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 366 (A L Penberthy 102 not out, M B Loye 78, K M Curran 61, D Ripley 51, T F Bloomfield 5 for 67). Second Innings forfeit.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

J L Langer not out	55
R A Kettleborough not out	18
Extras (w 2, nb 6)	8
Total (no wkt dec, 3.3 overs)	81

M W Gatting, O A Shah, D C Nash, *†K R Brown, P N Weekes, N D Mamin, J P Hewitt, T F Bloomfield and P C R Tufnell did not bat

BOWLING: Loye 2-0-42-0, A J Swann 1 3-0-39-0

Second Innings

J L Langer retired hurt	3
R A Kettleborough low b Malcolm	0
M W Gatting c Warren b Follett	17
O A Shah c Warren b Malcolm	48
D C Nash c Bailey b G P Swann	0
P N Weekes b Follett	10
*†K R Brown not out	27
J P Hewitt not out	30
Extras (lb 8, nb 4)	12
Total (5 wkts)	147

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-49, 3-52, 4-73, 5-87

BOWLING: Malcolm 19-4-42-2, Rose 14-3-35-0, Follett 8-1-35-2, G Swann 11-5-27-1

Umpires: A A Jones and R Palmer

Somerset v Essex

BATH (final day of four): Essex (20pts) beat Somerset (1) by one wicket

SOMERSET: First Innings 231. Second Innings 68 for 6 dec

ESSEX: First Innings: forfeit

Second Innings

*P J Prichard low b Rose	3
D D J Robinson low b Rose	7
A P Grayson c Bowler b Rose	23
S G Law c Lathwell b Caddick	33
R C Irani not out	127
S D Peters c Ecclestone b Bulbeck	1
†R J Rollins low b Mushtaq	42
D R Law c Harden b Caddick	46
A P Cowan c Turner b Rose	0
M C Ilott b Rose	0
P M Such not out	1
Extras (b 3, lb 4, nb 10)	17
Total (9 wkts)	300

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-29, 3-36, 4-77, 5-84, 6-160, 7-273, 8-276, 9-276

BOWLING: Caddick 26.1-6-108-2, Rose 20-4-46-5, Bulbeck 11-0-56-1, Trescothick 5-1-15-0, Mushtaq Ahmed 9-2-48-1

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and M J Harris

Sussex v Warwickshire

HOVE (final day of four): Warwickshire (23pts) beat Sussex (1) by an innings and 32 runs

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 490 for 9 dec (N V Knight 159, M J Powell 130, T L Penney 53 not out, J D Lewry 4 for 89)

SUSSEX: First Innings 172 (M T E Peirce 64)

Second Innings

M T E Peirce c Lara b Smith	46
W G Khan c Piper b Welch	5
M Newell c Knight b Giddins	11
*C J Adams b Smith	79
M G Bevan c Knight b Giles	71
J R Carpenter c Welch b Giles	1
A D Edwards run out	2
†S Humphries c Brown b Smith	17
R J Kirtley not out	15
J D Lewry c Knight b Giddins	11
M A Robinson c Powell b Smith	7
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 16)	21
Total	286

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-53, 3-89, 4-207, 5-208, 6-217, 7-248, 8-248, 9-261

BOWLING: Giddins 21.5-3-84-2, Brown 17-5-35-0, Welch 15-4-63-1, Giles 41-25-47-2, Smith 35-9-72-4

Umpires: M J Kitchen and J W Lloyds

Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

WORCESTER (final day of four): Worcestershire (20pts) beat Gloucestershire (3) by two wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 188 (D A Leatherdale 5 for 20)

Second Innings

G I Macmillan c and b Haynes	30
T H C Hancock c and b Lampitt	25
A J Wright run out	13
*M W Alleyne not out	43
M G N Windows c Lampitt b Leatherdale	0
J Lewis c Weston b Lampitt	3
D R Hewson not out	5
Extras (lb 14, nb 8)	22
Total (6 wkts dec)	141

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-71, 3-91, 4-95, 5-108

BOWLING: Newport 5-0-37-0; Haynes 8-1-38-1, Lampitt 8-0-31-2; Leatherdale 5-0-21-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

W P C Weston c Windows b Walsh	6
A Hafeez c Windows b Lewis	0
*T M Moody b Walsh	1
V S Solanki c Williams b Alleyne	24
G R Haynes c Ball b Alleyne	21
D A Leatherdale not out	30
†S J Rhodes c Macmillan b Walsh	14
S R Lampitt c Hancock b Walsh	1
R K Illingworth c Ball b Walsh	0
P J Newport not out	19
Extras (lb 2, nb 4)	6
Total (8 wkts dec, 54 overs)	122

A Shahriar did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-3, 3-12, 4-49, 5-56, 6-81, 7-89, 8-89

BOWLING: Walsh 17-4-44-5, Lewis 15-5-27-1, Smith 11-3-33-0, Alleyne 11-4-16-2

Second Innings

W P C Weston c Ball b Lewis	35
A Hafeez c Hancock b Alleyne	58
*T M Moody c Macmillan b Smith	45
V S Solanki c Alleyne b Walsh	40
D A Leatherdale c Hancock b Smith	14
G R Haynes not out	20
†S J Rhodes not out	10
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (6 wkts)	211

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-80, 3-145, 4-173, 5-191

BOWLING: Walsh 12-0-63-1, Smith 10-0-57-2, Ball 2-0-13-0, Lewis 6-1-39-1, Alleyne 9-2-39-1

Umpires: H D Bird and P Willey

Yesterday

Lancashire v Surrey

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (20pts) beat Surrey (3) by six wickets

SURREY: First Innings 146 (Waqar Akram 4 for 42).

Second Innings

J D Ratcliffe low b Chapple	33
I J Ward not out	81
N Shahid not out	126
Extras (lb 2, lb 6, w 2, nb 4)	14
Total (1 wkt dec)	254

FALL OF WICKET: 1-69

BOWLING: Waqar Akram 5-1-11-0, Mann 7-1-24-0, Green 6-0-23-0, Chapple 4.2-0-6-1, Watkinson 8-0-23-0, Lloyd 6-1-29-0, Wood 5.1-0-80-0; Harvey 5-0-48-0

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

P C McKeown c Bulty b Tudor	42
N T Wood c Tudor b Benjamin	5
†J P Crawley c Ward b Benjamin	3
A Flintoff c Bulty b Tudor	0
G D Lloyd b Tudor	21
M E Harvey low b Tudor	0
M Watkinson c A J Hollioake b Tudor	42
*Waqar Akram not out	33
G Chapple not out	10
Extras (lb 9, nb 6)	15
Total (7 wkts dec, 51.5 overs)	151

P J Martin and R J Green did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-30, 3-31, 4-69, 5-69, 6-106, 7-149

BOWLING: Bicknell 14-6-39-0, Benjamin 12.5-1-37-2, Tudor 16-6-43-5, A J Hollioake 6-2-17-0, Amin 3-1-6-0

Second Innings

P C McKeown b Benjamin	10
N T Wood not out	80
†J P Crawley st Bulty b Amin	78
A Flintoff c Ward b Bicknell	61
G D Lloyd c B C Hollioake b Bicknell	1
M E Harvey not out	0
Extras (lb 6, w 6, nb 8)	20
Total (4 wkts)	250

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-151, 3-238, 4-246

BOWLING: Bicknell 14-3-65-2, Benjamin 11-2-36-1, Tudor 11-1-82-0, B C Hollioake 2-0-13-0, Amin 8-0-45-1, A J Hollioake 0.2-0-4-0

Umpires: J H Harris and J H Hampshire

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Bt	Bl	Pts
Surrey (8)	8	4	2	2	24	26	120
Durham (17)	8	3	3	2	15	31	100
Yorkshire (6)	7	3	2	2	15	26	95
Kent (2)	8	3	2	3	7	27	91
Sussex (18)	7	3	2	2	12	24	90
Lancashire (11)	7	3	1	3	11	22	90
Leics (10)	7	3	0	4	14	15	89
Glouces (7)	7	2	3	1	9	27	87
Worcs (3)	7	2	1	4	16	21	81
Middlesex (4)	7	2	2	3	12	18	71
Warwickshire (4)	7	2	1	4	10	26	71
Derbyshire (16)	7	2	1	4	14	21	70
Hampshire (14)	6	2	1	3	7	19	67
Somerset (12)	7	2	1	4	11	19	65
Glamorgan (1)	7	1	3	3	12	26	63
Northants (15)	7	1	0	6	12	14	60
Essex (8)	7	1	3	3	9	26	60
Notts (13)	7	1	4	2	10	25	57

(Last year's positions in brackets)

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CHANGING TIMES

RUGBY UNION: ANOTHER CRUSHING DEFEAT COMPOUNDED BY DISMISSAL OF SARACENS LOCK

Grewcock banned for remainder of tour


Grewcock: may appeal

FROM DAVID HANDS

ENGLAND will take with them into the second international against New Zealand in Auckland this coming Saturday a sense of grievance, born out of long-term frustration at four successive defeats in the southern hemisphere and short-term dissatisfaction that a lock forward from each team accused of stamping last Saturday could have been dealt with in such differing ways.

Danny Grewcock — unless an appeal is successful — will miss the remainder of this tour and the first three weeks of next season after being sent off; Ian Jones, cited for the same offence, will play his 72nd game for the All Blacks in Auckland. Few would quibble with Grewcock's punishment, but the official silence of the England management over Jones was eloquence indeed.

Grewcock, 25, was spotted by Wayne Erickson, the Australian referee, kicking Anton Oliver, the All Blacks' hooker, after a scrum collapsed and became only the second England player to be dismissed in an international. The first, Mike Burton, of Gloucester, was sent off against Australia in 1975.

Grewcock claimed at the judicial hearing yesterday that he was trying to steady himself as he retrieved his feet. The video evidence showed no contact with Oliver, but Erickson's word was accepted. Where the video was explicit, however, was in the contact made in the eleventh minute between Jones's boot and Graham Rowntree's head.

The citing commissioner suggested that Jones "arrived at the ruck and carelessly trod on the English player's upper body, appearing to make contact with the head". Since Rowntree left the field with blood streaming from his face and required stitches to a wound just below the eye, the use of the word "appearing" appears cautious in the extreme. Yet the referee, having watched the video, described it as legitimate rucking, while Jones claimed that he was driven off his feet by his colleagues.

In the case of Grewcock, Erickson said: "The scrum collapsed and, as All Black heads went on the ground, as the second-row forward stood up, he kicked Oliver. It was deliberate. I saw it very clearly and have no doubt in my mind there was intent."

As matters stand, the Saracens lock is ruled out of the remaining tour internationals against New Zealand and South Africa, though, after receiving the full version of the report today, the England management will consider whether to appeal.

As for Jones — who was involved in the trampling incident in 1993 at Redruth that left Phil de Glanville with a bad facial injury — he is able to play on.

"It's not for me to comment at this stage," Roger Uttley, the England manager, said. "There does appear to be some inconsistency and my personal view is that there was an incident involving a head on the floor and a boot on the head. Is that rucking, stamping or kicking?"

Rowntree's comment was succinct: "Thank God it was not much higher, it could have had my eye out."

NEW ZEALAND (v England, June 27) C Cullen, J Lomu, M Mayerhoffer, W Little, J Wilson; A Mehrtens, O Tonu'u, C Dowd, A Oliver, O Brown, I Jones, R Brooke, T Blackadder, J Kronfeld, T Randell (captain)
ENGLAND XV (v New Zealand Maoris, tomorrow in Rotorua): T Simpson, S Brown, J Baxendell, S Ravenscroft, M Moore, A King, P Richards, A Windo, P Greening, D Crompton, R Fidler, B Sturnham, R Pool-Jones, L Moody, A Diprose (captain)

☐ Richard Cockerill, the England hooker, and Norm Hewitt, who was on the bench for New Zealand, were seen trading punches outside a hotel early yesterday, but an England team spokesman dismissed the incident as a play fight.

Depressed England left in black mood

DAVID ROGERS / ALLSPORT


Mayerhofler typifies the dominance of New Zealand as he eludes Greening, the England replacement hooker

New Zealand	64
England	22

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN DUNEDIN

WHAT further disaster can befall this ill-fated tour? Defeat, even by a record margin against New Zealand, was not unexpected in the wintry sunshine at Carisbrook on Saturday, but the dismissal of a player, the loss of the coach through domestic bereavement and a lop-sided judicial enquiry were completely unforeseen elements.

Throw in Clive Woodward's swingeing criticism of Wayne Erickson, the experienced Australian official handling his fourteenth international, and of John Hart, his opposite number, and the mixture becomes combustible in the extreme. Whether the England coach's post-match reaction would have been the same had he not received the news on Saturday morning of his father's death, who can say, but one feels for him.

Woodward flew to England from Auckland yesterday, having kept the news of his bereavement from the team until after the match. "It was not a shock as such, as he had been ill for six months, but it definitely hits you hard," he said. He hopes to return in time for the game at Eden Park on Saturday, though he might be better advised to save himself a draining journey and rendezvous with the tour party when they arrive in South Africa next Tuesday.

For the time being, John Mitchell, the assistant coach, will take over the team and will bring a sceptical eye to New Zealand claims that they "de-powered" the scrums in the second half in the interests of safety. Woodward could barely conceal his fury that Hart had made contact with the referee at half-time, though Hart said that he had done so in the best interests of the game, to alert the match official to the fact that his eight forwards would not attempt to outscrummage England's seven after the dismissal of Danny Grewcock.

Woodward described Erickson's refereeing as "appalling" and that the Australian was weak to allow Hart to talk to him at the interval — which Hart had also tried to do when Peter Marshall refereed the encounter at Old Trafford last November. "The game could have degenerated if we had attacked a seven-man scrum," Hart said, though, by his action, he left himself open to just such accusations of manipulation as Woodward made; if New Zealand wanted to make a point to the referee, Taine Randell, their captain, could have done so before the match restarted.

"I would find it strange that Hart would decide to depower the scrum," Mitchell, an All Blacks tour member himself five years ago, said. "If they had the opportunity to smash us, they would have." Whatever the rights or wrongs of the refereeing, the fact remains that before Grewcock's dismissal, England were, at best, providing a contest; within six minutes of his departure, New Zealand had scored three tries and the contest was over.

Christian Cullen scored two of those tries (the second at a time when England were down to 13 men, Ojomoh having left the field before Sturnham replaced him), but England showed themselves to be capable of matching the All Blacks at the set pieces and, on the rare occasions that they forced their opponents to back-pedal, of scoring tries.

However, the penalty count (20-12 against) built steadily against them and, more damagingly, the scrums. England fed the scrum only three times in each half and, when they look back at the video, they will wince to see that on five occasions (and with three different kickers) they could not perform so basic a task as restart the game properly.

Since England also brought two of the most dangerous runners in world rugby — Cullen and Jonah Lomu — into the game very early by kicking directly to them, they proved to a degree the architects of their own undoing. Yet the character of the side did not falter; that the final quarter became so loose and that the All Blacks defence faltered may be true, but England played well to put themselves into try-scoring positions late in the game.

Of the three debutants, Pat Sanderson distinguished himself far more than a young man of 20 had the right do so in such circumstances. The Sale flanker may have missed a couple of tackles, but he made plenty more and carried the ball as well as anyone; Lewsey found difficulty playing at inside centre, while Tom Beim, replacing Wilkinson, took his try well.

Wilkinson's departure with a damaged ankle forced the backs to shuffle sideways, Lewsey going to fly half and Stimpson to centre. It is no coincidence that, during the 20 minutes that followed, the All Blacks ran in five tries including two each for Wilson (his first international try on his home ground) and Randell.

At times, they played outstanding rugby, moving the ball with a finesse that so frequently eludes British sides, using the giant Lomu at times as a direct threat, at others as a decoy. Ominously, they will improve. "I would not like to be an All Black this week," Mitchell said. "They will be disappointed to let in three tries and they will be put through the mill."

DETAILS FROM DUNEDIN

SCORERS: New Zealand: Tries: Cullen 2 (30, 36), Lomu (32), Randell 2 (45, 63), Wilson 2 (50, 53), Kronfeld (57), Mayerhofler (80) Conversions: Mehrtens 5 Penalty goals: Mehrtens 3 (2, 7, 17). England: Tries: Cockerill (38), Dawson (73), Beim (77) Conversions: Stimpson 2 Penalty goal: Stimpson (20)

SCORING SEQUENCE (New Zealand first): 3-0, 6-0, 9-0, 9-3, 14-3, 19-3, 26-3, 26-6 (half-time), 33-6, 38-6, 43-6, 50-6, 57-8, 57-15, 57-22, 64-22.

NEW ZEALAND: C M Cullen (Wellington); J W Wilson (Otago), M A Mayerhofler (Canterbury), W K Little (North Harbour), J T Lomu (Counties), A P Mehrtens (Canterbury), O F J Tonu'u (Auckland, rep: M D Robinson, North Harbour, 63mn); D M Brown (Auckland), A D Oliver (Otago), C W Dowd (Auckland), I D Jones (North Harbour), R M Brooke (Auckland), M N Jones (Auckland; rep: T J Blackadder, Canterbury, 20), J A Kronfeld (Otago), T C Randell (Otago, captain)

ENGLAND: M B Perry (Bath); T R G Stimpson (Leicester), N D Beal (Northampton), O J Lewsey (unattached), A S Healey (Leicester), J P Wilkinson (Newcastle, rep: T D Beim, Sale, 43), M J S Dawson (Northampton, captain); G C Rowntree (Leicester, rep: W R Green, Wasps, 11-18), R Cockerill (Leicester, rep: P B T Greening, Gloucester, 58), P J Vickery (Gloucester, rep: Green, 58), G S Archer (Newcastle, rep: D Sims, Gloucester, 78), D J Grewcock (Saracens), B B Clarke (Richmond), P H Sanderson (Sale), S O Ojomoh (Gloucester; rep: B Sturnham, Saracens, 38-58)

Referee: W J Erickson (Australia)

Ireland's defence spirited to the last

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE second international between South Africa and Ireland erupted into a war of words after the world champions recorded a 33-0 victory in a bad-tempered match at Loftus Versfeld in Pretoria on Saturday.

South Africa accused Ireland of having no intention of playing rugby and of cheating to keep the score down. Ireland blamed South Africa for starting the running battle when Joost van der Westhuizen received a yellow card for kicking a prostrate Malcolm O'Kelly in the tenth minute.

Nick Mallett, the South Africa coach, said: "The general impression was that we were trying to play rugby and score tries and Ireland were trying to keep the score low by any means possible.

"Ireland were playing us off the ball all the time and if teams are cheating to stop you scoring tries, then the referee must blow them up immediately. I believe that southern hemisphere players are more athletic than in the northern hemisphere and, when the game gets too fast for them, they try to slow it down by spoiling."

Donal Lenihan, the Ireland manager, laid the blame for a succession of violent incidents squarely at the door of the Springboks. "The tone of the match was set when their No 9 kicked Malcolm O'Kelly on the ground," he said. "At the end of it, he was still on the field and the tone had been set. I'm not saying we were blameless, but the tone was set."

Mallett declined to blame Joel Dumé, the French referee, for the way the match degenerated into a brawl. "We can't blame him, we have to blame the participants. I'm sorry at the way in which some of our players reacted, but they were feeling a lot of frustration."

SCORERS: South Africa: Tries: Dalton, Erasmus, Rossouw, Teichmann, Van der Westhuizen Cons: Montgomery (4)
SOUTH AFRICA: P Montgomery; S Terblanche (rep: M Hendricks, 42min), A Snyman, P Muller, P Rossouw; F Smith, J van der Westhuizen; O le Roux (rep: R Kempson, 61), J Dalton (rep: N Drotske, 60), A Garvey, K Otto, M Andrews, J Erasmus (rep: A Aitken, 70), A Venter, G Teichmann (captain)
IRELAND: C O'Shea; J Bishop, K Maggs, M McCall, D Hickie (rep: R Henderson, 35), E Elwood (rep: D Humphreys, 49), C McGuinness, J Fitzpatrick (rep: P Clohessy, 60), K Wood, P Wallace, M O'Kelly, P Johns (captain), D O'Cuinneagain, A Ward, V Costello (rep: T Brennan, 51)
Referee: J Dumé (France)

France find Argentina easy prey

FRANCE scored five tries in defeating Argentina comfortably in the second international in Buenos Aires on Saturday evening to record a 2-0 series triumph.

The 37-12 margin of victory reflected the superiority of the touring team's speed of thought and of handling in attack; Argentina were unable to breach the France line and could manage their points only through kicking goals.

By half-time, France had scored tries by Dominici and Garbajosa to outstrip the early lead given the home team by Arbizu's dropped goal. Three penalty goals by Arbizu conspired to reduce the deficit to 18-12 midway through the second half, but a brace of tries by Cédric Soulette and a late score from Brouzet, allied to Castaignède's secure kicking and authoritative back play, saw France home with room to spare.

☐ Wales gave the best performance of their African tour on Friday night when they narrowly lost 30-23 to Natal Sharks in Durban.

Scotland maintain honour in defeat

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ROB WAINWRIGHT, the Scotland captain, praised the fighting spirit of the touring side after their 33-11 defeat by Australia in Brisbane in the final international match, but admitted that the better team had won. The Scots never came close to upsetting the Wallabies, who marched on to their third successive win this season.

Wainwright said: "We were playing against a side who were better than us, but I would never fault the team for effort." Jim Telfer, the Scotland coach, added: "They retained possession much better than us. We seldom went beyond two or three phases of possession, but I thought that our set-piece play was good. It's the continuity phases that we lose out on."

The Scotland defence closed down the Australia midfield of Daniel Herbert and Tim Horan, preventing the Wallabies from converting their quality possession into the expected large number of tries. However, the Scots' disappointed when they had the ball. None of the backs appeared to be a real threat, their lack of pace cruelly exposed by the Australia backline. The Scotland backs were also guilty of losing the ball in contact and of not running on to the pass, a source of frustration to forwards who competed well against taller and heavier opponents.

Gone were the lineout problems of the sides' previous international at Sydney, thanks to accurate throwing in by Kevin McKenzie, the hooker, and aggressive jumping by Scott Murray and Grimes, the locks, two of the big successes of the tour. In the scrums, the power of Matthew Proudfoot, the tight-head prop, ensured that Scotland were never under pressure.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Grey, Larkham, Ofahengaue, Tune Conversions: Burke 2 Penalty goals: Burke 3 Scotland: Try: Hodge Penalty goal: Lee 2
AUSTRALIA: M Burke; B Tune (rep: J Little, 57mn), D Herbert, T Horan (rep: N Grey, 71), J Roff, S Larkham, G Gregan, R Harry, P Kearns, A Blades (rep: D Crowley, 57), T Bowman, J Eales (captain), M Cockbain (rep: O Finegan, 71), D Wilson, T Kelu (rep: V Ofahengaue, 40)
SCOTLAND: G Metcalfe (rep: D Hodge, 67), D Lee, C Murray (rep: C Joiner, 63), R Shepherd, S Longstaff, G Townsend, B Redpath; D Hilton (rep: G McIlwham, 63), K McKenzie, M Proudfoot, S Murray, S Grimes (rep: S Campbell, 69), R Wainwright (captain), G Simpson (rep: A Roxburgh, 79), E Peters.
Referee: B Campsall (England)

SAILING

McIntosh ends long search for winning formula

BY EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE Hoya Round the Island Race — the great annual pageant of British sailing — tempted a huge field of 1,382 yachts of all different shapes and sizes on Saturday for what turned out to be a light airs contest on the tricky 50.2-nautical mile course around the Isle of Wight.

As last year, improving sailing conditions later in the day, which brought a freshening sea breeze from the south-east, benefited the smaller boats in the Channel Handicap classes. This time, it was *Dynamite*, the 24ft Jan Kjlaerulf-designed Dynamic 2,000, skippered by John McIntosh, that carried off the Gold Roman Bowl for overall winner in the 483-strong CHS divisions.

McIntosh has raced in the day-long classic more than 15 times and has come close to winning before. "We thought it was going to be a big-boat race," he said. "We had no idea that there were these big holes in the wind, which were placed at strategic points and which enabled us in the smaller boats to catch the big boats up."

McIntosh's victory was sealed when he took a crucial tack out to sea after Dunnose Head, having spotted boats ahead becalmed. After a long plod offshore, *Dynamite* picked up the sea breeze and flew in towards Bembridge Ledge, where she hoisted her spinnaker and ran down to the finish. The little Class 11 yacht had started at 7.50am and crossed the finish line at 5.25pm.

For the bigger boats, it was a more frustrating day with winds generally light and unpredictable at the start and then calm patches at the back of the island after the beat up to St Catherine's Point. Eddie Warden-Owen in *Hoya St Malo*, a specially chartered 60ft trimaran, had hoped for a record-breaking run, but it all fizzled out as his progress was slowed off Ventnor. The big yacht still managed line honours, however, and came romping up to the finish at more than 20 knots.

Lawrie Smith's Volvo 60, *Silk Cut*, won the new Sponsored Class an hour ahead of Mike Golding's Open 60, *Team Group 4*, in a time of 6hr 4min.

The third yacht in the race, Tim Robinson's *Rockport*, was going for glory by looking for a risky passage through the Needles close to low water when the 18ft skiff hit the bottom and almost sank.

SPEEDWAY

Slip-ups by main rivals put Swede on brink of world title

BY TONY HOARE

TONY RICKARDSSON is within touching distance of his second world championship, according to Billy Hamill, who is fourth in the grand prix standings this year. Rickardsson finished third in the Danish Grand Prix in Vojens on Friday night, while his closest rivals were eliminated from the competition early on to help him build a 22-point overall lead.

Hans Nielsen, of Denmark, achieved the fifth grand prix victory of his career — more than any other rider — while Chris Louis, the British champion, managed his highest finish, with second place.

A new format was used, in which riders who finished no higher than third in two consecutive races were eliminated from the meeting. Hamill, who was 12 points behind Rickardsson in joint-second place overall with Jimmy Nilsen, suffered that fate and dropped to fourth. Nilsen survived one more race and stays second.

Rickardsson, of Sweden, who rides for Ipswich in the British Elite League, is in dominant form and Hamill feels that the opposition will struggle to stop him, even though three rounds remain. Hamill, the world champion two years ago, said: "You could pretty much say the title is Tony's, but I am not going to bow down to it myself just yet. He is on top of his game right now. I'm not."

Hamill is not pinning his hopes on the leader making an early exit from a grand prix, which would give the opposition a chance to catch up. "It's highly unlikely right now, the way he is riding and the way his bikes are going," Hamill said. "It could happen, but looking at it realistically, it probably won't.

"I can't really see that happening. If it does, then great; if it doesn't, then there are three more grands prix left and I'm just looking forward to them," he added.

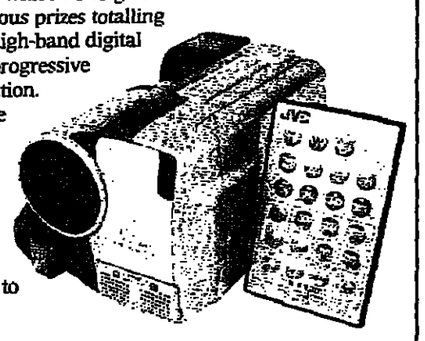
Rickardsson, who won the first two rounds this season, said: "I am happy with tonight's performance; the rest have a lot of points to make up. If I keep riding as I am then I don't have to worry about anyone else, it is in my hands."

The fourth round of the series is the British Grand Prix, which takes place at Coventry, Hamill's home track, on August 7. Rickardsson scored a maximum at Brandon for Ipswich recently and will be favourite to take another step towards the world title.

EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION THE TIMES

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CHANGING TIMES

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

CWMBRAN: Welsh championships (incorporating Commonwealth Games trials): Men: 100m: 1, C Jackson (Brecon) 10.47sec; 2, C Malcolm (Cardiff) 10.58; 3, K Williams (Cardiff) 10.68. 200m: 1, Malcolm 21.01 (championship record); 2, J Baulch (Cardiff) 21.07; 3, P Maitland (Newham and Essex Beagles) 21.84. 400m: 1, I Thomas (Newham and Essex Beagles) 45.45 (championship record); 2, P Gray (Cardiff) 47.49; 3, J Lloyd (Swansea) 48.77. 800m: 1, M Shone (Notts) 1min 50.88sec; 2, M Davis (Woodford Green) 1:54.62; 3, J Bridger (Team Solent) 1:55.62. 1,500m: 1, C Stephenson (Cardiff) 3:46.2; 2, N Comerford (Cardiff) 3:48.8; 3, J Mills (Blackheath) 3:50.5. 5,000m: 1, M Morgan (Swansea) 14:28.11; 3, C Davis (Telford) 14:42.49; 3, K Holland (Crawley) 15:07.39. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, D Naylor (Swansea) 9:21.1; 2, P Cook (Cardiff) 9:46.2; 3, B Jones (Wrexham) 9:53.4. 110m hurdles: 1, J Archampong (Swansea) 15.00; 2, C Doherty (Cardiff) 15.21; 3, M Butler (Cardiff) 15.78. 400m hurdles: P Harries (Derby and County) 57.5 (only one competitor). High jump: 1, A Penk (Cardiff) 1.95m; 2, S Brown (Deeside) 1.90; 3, K Harland (Carmarthen) 1.90. Pole vault: 1, Penk 4.70m; 2, D Gordon (Newham and Essex Beagles) 4.60; 3, C Type (Cardiff) 4.20. Long jump: 1, A Wooding (Colwyn Bay) 7.03m; 2, J Morris (Swansea) 6.73; 3, I Hughes (Trafford) 6.60m. Triple jump: 1, D Madera-Cole (Carmarthen) 15.40m; 2, J Hilton (Sale) 14.87; 3, S Shalders (Cardiff) 14.46. Shot: 1, S Pickering (Haringey) 19.14m; 2, A Turner (Bournemouth) 13.93; 3, J Bryan (Torfaen) 13.70. Discus: 1, L Newman (Belgrave) 58.43m; 2, Bryan 45.05; 3, Turner 44.37. Hammer: 1, G Holder (Bexley Borough) 61.61m; 2, A Palmer (Cardiff) 60.78; 3, P Bufton (Brecon) 54.12. Javelin: 1, S Lewis (Swansea) 67.98m; 2, N Bevan (Birchfield) 66.04; 3, S Loughran (Swansea) 63.86. 10km walk: 1, M Bell (Cardiff) 43:47.6; 2, C Bradley (Lliswerry) 53:59.5; 3, J Gordon (Caerphilly) 59:43.6. Veterans 5,000m: R Evans (Les Croupiers) 17:05.8. Women: 100m: C Murphy (Shaftesbury Barnet) 12.12; 2, S Williams (Wessex and Bath) 12.65; 3, A James (Swansea) 12.77. 200m: 1, Murphy 23.8; 2, L Whitehead (Swansea) 24.5; 3, L Jones (Torfaen) 25.0. 400m: 1, A Lazell (Cheltenham) 53.81; 2, D Higgins (Cardiff) 54.35; 3, D Porazinski (Newport) 55.82. 800m: R Newcombe (Liverpool) 2:06.89; 2, E Davis (Andover) 2:08.25; 3, S Mead (Torfaen) 2:10.25. 1,500m: 1, C Thomas (Cardiff) 4:39.7; 2, C Dugdale (Cardiff) 4:39.8; 3, H Middleberger (Abertillery) 4:43.8. 5,000m: 1, H Nash (Newport) 16:53.07; 2, N Haines-Jones (Newport) 17:26.42; 3, E Davis (Deeside) 18:51.07. 100m hurdles: 1, R King (Cardiff) 13.81; 2, N Evans (Swansea) 14.56; 3, L Roberts (Newport) 15.20. 400m hurdles: A Jones (Wrexham) 66.66 (only one competitor). High jump: 1, J Crane (Notts) 1.80m; 2, A Wallace (Cardiff) 1.65; 3, K Morton (Newport) 1.65. Pole vault: 1, R Clarke (Essex Ladies) 3.70m; 2, R Roles (Swansea) 3.20; 3, P Hall (Cardiff) 2.90. Long jump: 1, A Cutler (Torfaen) 5.75m; 2, D Adams (Newport) 5.29; 3, S Lane (Torfaen) 5.23. Triple jump: 1, S Bunting (Havering Mayesbrook) 10.89m; 2, T Tugwell (Swansea) 10.77; 3, J Tomlinson (Deeside) 10.63. Shot: 1, P Roles (Swansea) 13.91m; 2, J Berry (Brecon) 13.58; 3, A Hourihan (Cardiff) 11.41. Discus: 1, P Roles 50.61m; 2, R Roles 42.66; 3, Hourihan 40.01. Hammer: 1, S Moore (Bristol) 52.39m; 2, C Parry (Rhondda) 47.01; 3, L Brennan (Sale) 45.59. Javelin: 1, C White (Trafford) 47.16m; 2, O Amadi (Cardiff) 42.88; 3, C Lockwood (Colwyn Bay) 39.23

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Fremantle 10.16 (76) bt Carlton 10.8 (68), Sydney 15.6 (102) bt Richmond 13.13 (91); St Kilda 19.13 (127) bt Melbourne 5.12 (42), Port Adelaide 11.7 (73) bt Western Bulldogs 5.9 (39); Adelaide 11.13 (79) bt Collingwood 10.10 (70), Brisbane 15.18 (108) bt Geelong 12.6 (80), Hawthorn 17.12 (114) bt North Melbourne 17.10 (112), West Coast Eagles 11.17 (83) bt Essendon 11.6 (72).

BOWLS

LLANDRINDOD WELLS: Women's home international: Semi-finals: Singles: B Morgan (Llandrindod Wells; Wales) bt M Price (Burnam, Bucks, Eng) 25-13, J Lindores (Etterick Forest, Scot) bt P Nolan (Blackrock, Ire) 25-23. Pairs: England (A Beale and C Duckworth, Braintree) bt Ireland (J Dowds and M Johnston, Ballymoney) 26-18; Wales (M Davies and D Rowlands, Llandrindod Wells) bt Scotland (A Parke and J Struthers, Zetland) 36-10. Triples: Wales bt Ireland 21-6; Scotland bt England 20-17. Fours: England bt Ireland 23-14, Wales bt Scotland 26-9.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of four: Middlesbrough: Durham 213 and 223-8 dec (M A Roseberry 100, S Hutton 65); Yorkshire 189 and 226-7 (J D Middlebrook 59; M J Saggers 4-48). Match drawn. Trent Bridge: Leicestershire 198 and 178 (D Williamson 65, M J A Whiley 4-35); Nottinghamshire 248 and 129-4 (C M Tolley 51 not out). Nottinghamshire won by six wickets. Final day of three: Finchampstead: Derbyshire 280-8 dec (R M S Weston 100) and second innings forfeited; Hampshire first innings forfeited and 281-3 (J S Laney 109, L Savident 60, M Keech 80). Hampshire won by seven wickets. Teddington: Middlesex 280-7 dec (D J Goodchild 80) and second innings forfeited; Worcestershire first innings forfeited and 176-6. Match drawn. Panteg: Essex 193-3 dec and second innings forfeited; Glamorgan first innings forfeited and 194-4 (M Ismail 76 not out, I Dawood 52). Glamorgan won by six wickets.

EQUESTRIANISM

BURGIE, Moray: Macallan international horse trials: Final results: Two star section: 1, Lord Killinghurst (O Moore, GB) 47.0 pens; 2, Douce de Longvaut (K Gifford, GB) 51.2; 3, Bratton Fleeting Moment (S Atkinson, GB) 57.4; 4, Tricklesam (A Johnston, GB) 58.4; 5, Hunster (T Clapham, GB) 58.8; 6, Crown Feldspar (C Hardinge, GB) 59.6. One star section: 1, Special Treat (A-M Evans, GB) 39.6pens; 2, Persian Lord (P Suri, GB) 45.0; 3, Cornerman (I Stark, GB) 48.8

FOOTBALL

INTERTOTO CUP: Preliminary round, first leg: Lyngby (Den) 4 Hrvatski Dragovoljac (Cro) 4; Dnepr-Transmash Mogilev (Bela) 2 Debreceni (Hun) 4; Ethnikos Achnas (Cyp) 2 Oergryte (Swe) 1, Leiftur (Ice) 1 Vorskla Poltava (Ukr) 0, Brno (Cz) 2 Vagur (Faeroe Is) 0; Vojvodina (Yug) 2 Stabaek (Nor) 1. First round: Ebbw Vale 1 Konsvinger (Nor) 6.

GYMNASTICS

PERTH: Scottish championships: Women: Seniors: 1, G Watson (Falkirk) 31.958pts; 2, N Hulley (Glasgow) 30.367; 3, M Davies (Glasgow) 29.953; 4, K Hyam (Allander) 29.655. Women: Juniors: 1, M Mowat (Cumbernauld) 31.26pts; 2, G Campbell (Falkirk) 31.197; 3, C McAney (Allander) 28.317; 4, J McKenzie (Cumbernauld) 28.227; 5, J Southerland (Glasgow) 26.08; 6, E McGregor (Dumfries) 25.68.

MOTORCYCLING

MISANO, Italy: World superbike championship: Sixth round: First race (25 laps): 1, A Slight (NZ, Honda) 39min 54.406sec; 2, T Corser (Aus, Ducati) 39:55.126; 3, C Edwards (US, Honda) 39:56.710; 4, C Fogarty (GB, Ducati) 39:59.474; 5, A Yanagawa (Japan, Kawasaki) 40:04.679; 6, J Whitham (GB, Suzuki) 40:22.287; 7, N Hodgson (GB, Kawasaki) 40:26.053; 8, S Russell (US, Yamaha) 40:35.305; 9, A Meklau (Austria, Ducati) 40:57.826; 10, U Mark (Ger, Suzuki) 41:00.347. Second race (25 laps): 1, Slight 39:49.893; 2, Corser 39:50.951; 3, Fogarty 39:53.162; 4, Edwards 40:03.343; 5, Yanagawa 40:03.440; 6, Russell 40:08.782; 7, G Lavilla (Sp, Ducati) 40:28.483; 8, Hodgson 40:28.594; 9, Meklau 40:29.997; 10, I Jerman (Slovenia, Kawasaki) 40:55.840. Leading world championship positions: 1, Corser 200pts; 2, Slight 194; 3, Edwards 167; 4, Fogarty 163; 5, P-F Chili (It, Ducati) 144; 6, N Haga (Japan, Yamaha) 143; 7, Yanagawa 101; 8, Whitham 73; 9, P Goddard (Aus, Suzuki) 71; 10, Hodgson 67

ROWING

BRUSSELS: World Cup. Men: Single sculls: 1, X Müller (Switz) 6min 44.84sec; 2, A Ibrahim Ali (Egypt) 6:47.27; 3, R Waddell (NZ) 6:47.34. Double sculls: 1, Italy I (L Vascotto, N Sartori) 6min 14.91sec; 2, Czech Republic (M Cipler, T Karas) 6:17.66; 3, Norway (K Undset, S Storseth) 6:19.15. Coxless pairs: 1, Germany (R Sens, D Kirchhoff) 6:30.72; 2, Australia II (N Green, J Tomkins) 6:33.06; 3, Croatia (O Martinov, N Seraga) 6:35.64. Coxless four: 1, Australia (G Stewart, B Hanson, B Dodwell, J Stewart) 5min 53.37sec; 2, France I (G Bosquet, D Fauches, A Perrot, F Meruillon) 5:55.09; 3, Romania (C Nemtoc, F Corbeanu, C Mutescu, V Mastacan) 5:55.98. Lightweight: Double sculls: 1, Italy (M Crispi, L Pettinari) 6min 18.98sec; 2, Germany (I Euler, B Ruehling) 6:19.24; 3, Switzerland I (M Gier, M Gier) 6:22.70. Lightweight: Coxless four: 1, Denmark (T Ebert, T Poulsen, E Ebbesen, V Feddersen) 5min 55.45sec; 2, Australia (D Baumforth, S Burgess, A Edwards, R Richards) 5:56.97; 3, Austria (W Rantasa, H Jurtschitsch, W Sigl, M Koban) 5:57.38. Quadruple sculls: 1, Italy (S Raineri, A Abbagnale, R Gattarossa, A Sartori) 5min 40.81sec; 2, Austria (R Hartl, H Nussbaumer, A Nader, N Lambing) 5:43.52; 3, Ukraine (L Shaposhnikov, O Likov, O Zaskalko, O Marchenko) 5:45.54. Eights: 1, Romania 5min 27.82sec; 2, Great Britain 5:30.07; 3, Russia 5:31.39. Women: Single sculls: 1, I Fedotova (Russ) 7min 23.73sec; 2, K Rutschow (Ger) 7:28.36; 3, R Nejkova (Bul) 7:30.01. Double sculls: 1, Holland (E van Nes, P van Dieshoek) 6min 50.51sec; 2, Great Britain (M Batten, G Lindsay) 6:54.64; 3, Germany II (C Barth, M Lutze) 6:55.49. Coxless pairs: 1, Great Britain (D Blackie, C Bishop) 7min 14.58sec; 2, Australia 1 (A Ozolins, J Winter) 7:17.48; 3, Denmark (C Rindom, M Vraa) 7:19.90. Lightweight: Double sculls: 1, Germany I (K Stephan, C Blasberg) 7mins 00.77secs; 2, Denmark (L Andersson, A Hellberg) 7:03.29; 3, Great Britain (T Langlands, J Hall) 7:08.28. Quadruple sculls: 1, Denmark 1 (U Werner Hansen, S Petersen, D Pedersen, S Lauritzen) 6min 19.06sec; 2, Australia (K Knowlen, J Robinson, M Hatzakis, B Roye) 6:21.09; 3, Belarus (A Pankina, N Volchek, I Zakharevskaya, N Laurynenka) 6:23.97; 5, Great Britain (A Sanders, A Mowbray, E Lavenck, R Carroll) 6:27.51. Eights: 1, Romania 6min 04.53sec; 2, Australia 6:09.40; 3, Great Britain 6.10.60. Brussels World Cup: Final positions: 1, Australia 43pts; 2 equal, Great Britain and Germany 35; 4, Italy 33; 5, Denmark 29. World Cup positions after two rounds: 1, Germany 87pts; 2, Great Britain 82; 3, Denmark 63; 4, Romania 57; 5, Russia 45; 6, Australia 43

MARLOW REGATTA: Eights: Elite: Bowbridge bt Thames, 4l, 4.36sec. Senior 1: Abingdon Sch bt Isis ¾l, 4.39. Senior 2: Edinburgh Univ bt St Edward's Sch ¾l, 4.36. Senior 3: Division A: Oxford Brookes Univ bt Shiplake Coll ½l, 4.54. Division B: Prince Alfred Coll (Aus) bt Bedford Modern Sch 1½l, 4.52. Junior-16: Eton bt Radley, canvass 4.52. Junior 15: St Paul's bt Radley, canvass 5.01. Elite Sprint: Abingdon Sch bt Eton, canvass 1.26. Senior 2: Sprint: Edinburgh Univ bt Cherwell 1½l, 1.22. Coxless fours: Elite Bowbridge bt RMA Sandhurst 3½l, 5.07. Senior 1: Twickenham bt Marlow ½l, 5.03. Senior 2: LMBC/Jesus College bt Poplar, Blackwall and District, easily 5.14. Coxed fours: Elite: Marlow bt Henley, easily 5.06. Senior 1: Thames Tradesmen bt Derby, 3ft, 5.08. Elite coxless pairs: Univ of London bt Nottingham and Union 4l, 5.47. Quad sculls: Elite: Wycliffe Coll bt Walton, cvs 5.00. School and Junior: Windsor/Claires/St George's bt RGS Worcester 1½l, 5.09. Elite double sculls: Univ of London/Tideway scullers bt Leander/Tideway scullers 4l, 5.17. Single Sculls: Elite, R Briscoe (Leander) bt M Gaylard (London), easily 5.47. Senior 1: P Cobbett (Walton) bt O M Donnelley (Dresden, US) easily 5.10. Senior 2: H Tiby (Nottingham and Union) bt C Graham (Nottingham Univ) 3l, 6.01.

HENLEY WOMEN'S REGATTA: Open Eights: Brown University bt Imperial College/Queens Tower 3l, 4min 55sec. College Eights: University of Bristol bt Villanova ¾l. Club Eights: Brown University bt Brock University (Canada) 3½l, 5.06. School Junior Eights: St Paul's School bt TC Willem School ¾l, 5.21. Open fours: Thames bt Marlow 1¼l, 5.43. Club Fours: Kingston bt Brown University 1½l, 5.39. College Fours: University of London bt Villanova 1l, 5.48. School Junior Fours: Holy Cross School bt Kingston Grammar easily, 5.41. Open coxless fours: Kingston bt City of Oxford easily, 5.30. Lightweight coxless fours: Nottingham Boat Club bt Upper Thames 1½l, 5.36. Open quadruple sculls: Thames bt Kingston 1½l, 5.27. Lightweight quadruple sculls: Upper Thames bt Hereford easily, 5.29. Junior quadruple sculls: Wallingford bt Offaly (Ireland) 1½l, 5.35. Redgrave Open Coxless Pairs: Army bt Notts County RA 1½l, 5.59. Lightweight coxless fours: Upper Thames bt Globe 3l, 6.04. Open double sculls: Norwich/University of Wales bt Upper Thames 4l, 5.55. Lightweight double sculls: Upper Thames bt Marlow 3l, 5.51. Junior double sculls: Headington School (Oxford) bt Lady Eleanor Holles easily, 5.44. Open sculls: Flood (Tideway Scullers School) bt Hill (Marlow) 1½l, 6.14. Lightweight sculls: Appleboom (Mortlake Anglian and Alpha) bt Dale (Tideway Scullers School) easily, 6.35

SCHOOLS SPORT

CRICKET: Berkhamsted 195 *Merchant Taylors' 142-6. *Brentwood 104 Forest 105-1. Brighton 195-8dec *Sevenoaks 156-7. *Caterham 82 Christ's Hospital, Horsham 83-2. *City of London Freemen's 80 John Fisher 81-3: Edinburgh 241-6dec *Fettes 138-6: *Eltham 162-7dec Wallington HS 134. Enfield GS 204-3dec *Bancrofts 205-5. Epsom 95 *Eastbourne 99-2: KCS OB 220-5dec *KCS 224-2 (I Page 91) *King's, Rochester 235-7dec St Dunstan's 205-9. *Pocklington 170-8dec Leeds GS 56. *St Paul's 137 Dulwich 138-2. Trinity Croydon 179-7dec *King's, Canterbury 141-5. *UCS 80-2 Highgate 79. Woodhouse Grove 250-5dec *Batley GS 152. Oundle 199-4dec *Bedford 146-5. *Cheltenham 186 (R Howell 108) Shrewsbury 138-8. *Durham 245-5 (A Beals 100 not out) King's, Tynemouth 90, Bethany 130 *Sutton Valence 132-1: Eton 229-9 *Tonbridge 221-9. Haberdashers' Askes' 189-8dec *RGS High Wycombe 157-6. Queen's, Taunton 163-7 *QEH Bristol 152-8. Stowe 203-9dec (White 104) *Rugby 191-4: Whitgift 247-7dec *Colfe's 152-9. Wisbech GS 105 *King's, Ely 107-6

* denotes home team

SWIMMING: Bazuka national primary schools championships (12 and under): Boys: 4 x 25m freestyle: 1, Our Lady's Chetwynde (Barrow-in-Furness) 56.83sec; 2, Millfield Prep School (Glastonbury club) 58.52; 3, City of London Freemen (Ashtead) 59.16. 4 x 25m medley: 1, Our Lady's Chetwynde 1min 04.95sec; 2, Millfield 1:07.23; 3, Bolton Junior Boys (Bolton) 1:07.89. Girls: 4 x 25m freestyle: 1, Millfield Prep School 1:00.43; 2, Haberdashers' Aske's (Elstree) 1:01.50; 3, Our Lady's Chetwynde 1:01.52. 4 x 25m medley: 1, Millfield Prep School 1:08.50; 2, Bolton School for Girls (Bolton) 1:09.46; 3, Holy Trinity Primary (Darwen) 1:10.09. Small schools mixed relays: 4 x 25m freestyle: 1, Bodiam Manor School (Bodiam) 1:02.39; 2, Trinity School (Teignmouth) 1:02.68; 3, Nower Lodge School (Dorking) 1:06.37. 4 x 25m medley: 1, Trinity 1:09.30; Bodiam Manor 1:11.67; 3, St Joseph's RC (Cockermouth) 1:12.37 (all at Ponds Forge, Sheffield)

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Coventry 52 Poole 38. Eastbourne 59 Belle Vue 31. Belle Vue 54 King's Lynn 36

PREMIER LEAGUE: Berwick 46 Arena Essex 43. Edinburgh 49 Arena Essex 41. Isle of Wight 57 Newcastle 32. Peterborough 51 Hull 39.

BRITISH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE: Coventry 6 Peterborough 30.

SQUASH

LISBON: Expo 98 Cup: Quarter-finals: R Eyles (Aus) bt P Martins (Por) 15-6, 15-7, 15-8, A Hands (Eng) bt D Harris (Eng) 15-12, 15-5, 15-9; A Gough (Wales) bt A Hill (Aus) 15-6, 15-7, 15-4; A Barada (Egypt) bt D Evans (Wales) 15-12, 13-15, 15-10, 15-14. Semi-finals: Hands bt Eyles 15-5, 10-15, 15-9, 15-12; Gough bt Barada 9-15, 15-9, 15-5, 15-13

AACHEN, Germany: Mobicom Aachen Open women's championship: Semi-finals: S Horner (Eng) bt S Wright (Eng) 9-6, 9-6, 9-4; L Charman (Eng) bt S Schöne (Ger) 9-4, 9-4, 9-7. Final: Horner bt Charman 2-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-7.

TENNIS

ROEHAMPTON: Wimbledon qualifying tournament: Men: Second round: M Bhupathi (India) bt G Etlis (Arg) 6-7, 6-4, 12-10; N Weal (GB) bt L Burgsmuller (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, D Nainkin (SA) bt M Maclagan (GB) 7-6, 6-1, M Knowles (Bah) bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-3, 6-4, B Ellwood (Aus) bt K Masuda (Japan) 7-5, 6-4, O Burrieza (Sp) bt S de Chaunac (Fr) 6-1, 6-2, M Draper (Aus) bt W Whitehouse (SA) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; A Hernandez (Mex) bt G Trifu (Rom) 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. S Iwabuchi (Japan) bt N Kulti (Swe) 7-6, 4-6, 9-7; H Berger (Switz) bt J Thomas (US) 7-5, 6-3, A Radulescu (Ger) bt O Motevassel (Isr) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, T Larkham (Aus) bt M Osono (Mex) 6-0, 4-6, 7-5. Qualifying round (winners qualify for Wimbledon's main draw): A O'Brien (US) bt G Doyle (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; V Voltchkov (Bela) bt A Hadad (Isr) 6-3, 7-6, Bhupathi bt C van Garsse (Bel) 7-6, 6-2, Nainkin bt Weal 6-3, 6-3; B Macphie (US) bt N Marques (Por) 6-4, 6-4; I Heuberger (Switz) bt Hernandez 6-1, 6-4; W McGuire (US) bt M Hill (Aus) 6-3, 6-4, D Dilucia (US) bt A Zingman (Arg) 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; A Grosjean (Fr) bt M Merklein (US) 4-6, 7-6, 11-9, T Ketola (Fin) bt F Loven (Swe) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; Knowles bt B Ellwood (Aus) 6-7, 6-3, 6-1. Draper bt O Burrieza (Sp) 7-6, 7-5, S Pescosolido (It) bt P Tramacchi (Aus) 6-7, 7-5, 12-10. D Bracciali (It) bt J Fox (GB) 7-6, 6-4; N Godwin (SA) bt Iwabuchi 7-5, 6-6, 6-3, Radulescu bt Larkham 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. Women: First round: A Kremer (Lux) bt W Probst (Ger) 7-5, 6-1; L Osterloh (US) bt L Lee (US) 5-7, 6-3, 6-0; J Abe (Ger) bt J Moore (GB) 7-6, 7-6; M Schnitzer (Ger) bt L Cenkova (Cz) 6-2, 6-4, J Watanabe (US) bt L Ahl (GB) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, M Drake (Can) bt E Loit (Fr) 6-4, 7-6; L Andretto (Fr) bt P Kamstra (Holl) 6-7, 6-2, 7-5; D Brockman (Aus) bt E De Lone (US) 6-0, 6-4; T Garbin (It) bt A Ortuno (Sp) 6-4, 7-6, R Stubbs (Aus) bt J Steck (SA) 7-5, 6-2; S Nacuk (Yug) bt N Vaidyanathan (Indo) 6-1, 6-4; K Warne-Holland (GB) bt M Shaughnessy (US) 6-3, 7-6, H Inoue (Japan) bt H Collin (GB) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. Second round: C Black (Zim) bt E Bes (Sp) 6-3, 7-6, A Olsza (Pol) bt N Feber (Bel) 6-1, 6-3, S de Beer (SA) bt T Krizan (Slovenia) 6-4, 6-1, L Osterlow (US) bt J Abe (Ger) 6-1, 6-3; Stubbs bt Drake 6-0, 6-2; C Singer (Ger) bt L Andretto (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; A Ellwood (Aus) bt K Kunce (Aus) 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; S Talaja (Cro) bt M Nejedly (Can) 6-0, 6-2; E Callens (Bel) bt S Krivencheva (Bul) 6-3, 6-4. A Kremer (Lux) bt C Dhenin (Fr) 6-1, 6-1, M Schnitzer (Ger) bt J Watanabe (US) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; S Nacuk (Yug) bt K Warne-Holland (GB) 6-2, 6-3, A Serra-zanetti (It) bt L Courtois (Bel) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; K Miller (US) bt T Garbin (It) 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, R Bobkova (Cz) bt C Papadaki (Gr) 6-2, 5-7, 6-3; H Inoue (Japan) bt S Drake-Brockman (Aus) 7-5; 7-5. Qualifying round: Black bt Ellwood 6-2, 6-2; Talaja bt Serra-zanetti 6-2, 7-5; Bobkova bt Miller 6-2, 6-3; De Beer bt Olsza 7-5, 3-6, 6-1; Callens bt Kremer 7-1, 6-1. Schnitzer bt Osterloh 7-6, 6-2; Stubbs bt Singer 7-6, 7-6. Inoue bt Nacuk 6-4, 6-3.

NOTTINGHAM: Nottingham Open: Semi-finals: B Black (Zim) bt S Sargsian (Arm) 6-4, 6-2, J Bjorkman (Swe) bt J Golmard (Fr) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. Final: Bjorkman bt Black 6-3, 6-2

EASTBOURNE: Direct Line championships: Final: J Novotna (Cz) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 6-1, 7-5

DEN BOSCH, Holland: Heineken Trophy: Men: Semi-finals: M Damm (Cz) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 7-6, 6-3, P Rafter (Aus) bt D van Scheppingen (Holl) 6-3, 6-4. Final: Rafter bt Damm 7-6, 6-2. Women: Final: J Halard-Decugis (Fr) bt M Oremans (Holl) 6-3, 6-4

SOUTHSEA: Portsmouth Girobank Tour: Men: Semi-finals: C Wilkinson (Hampshire) bt R Hanger (Dorset) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, M Coombs (Essex) bt S Amey (Derbyshire) 3-6, 7-6, 7-5. Final: Wilkinson bt Coombs 6-1, 6-3. Women: Quarter-finals: Semi-finals: C Taylor (Oxfordshire) bt J Osman (Sussex) 6-1, 6-3, J Lutrova (Russ) bt J Dawson (Sussex) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. Final: Lutrova bt Taylor 6-0, 6-3

CYCLING

Road races

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Fourth stage: (Oberwald to Varese, 208km): 1, L Jalabert (Fr) 4hr 59min 42sec; 2, B Zberg (Switz); 3, S Garzelli (It); 4, B Riis (Den); 5, V R Duma (Ukr); 6, D Rebellin (It) all same time. Fifth stage (Malpensa to Lenzerheide, 226km): 1, Garzelli 6hr 6min 57sec; 2, Rebellin at 21sec; 3, V Belli (It); 4, Riis; 5, F Casagrande (It); 6, R Meier (Switz). Sixth stage (around Lenzerheide, 156.1km) 1, Garzelli 4hr 27min 9sec; 2, L Pepoli (It); 3, D De Paoli (It) both same time; 4, Zberg at 47sec; 5, Casagrande; 6, Belli both same time. Leading overall positions: 1, Garzelli 23hr 56min 55sec; 2, Zberg at 1min 19sec; 3, Piepoli same time; 4, Belli at 1min 33sec; 5, Casagrande 1.39; 6, Rebellin 2.49

TOUR OF CATALONIA: Third stage (El Vendrell to Barcelona, 151.3km): 1, M Cipollini (It) 3hr 48min 37sec; 2, J Blijlevens (Holl); 3, G M Pagnini (It); 4, S Zanini (It); 5, C Barbosa (Por); 6, A Edo (Sp); 7, M Traversoni (It); 8, G Hincapie (US); 9, J Kirsipoo (Est); 10, A Tafi (It) all at same time. Fourth stage (La Pieta to Manlleu, 197.5km): 1, Cipollini 5hr 26min 24sec; 2, Blijlevens; 3, Kirsipoo; 4, Traversoni; 5, Hincapie; 6, C Detilloux (Bel); 7, F Frattini (It); 8, L Perez (Sp); 9, A Tchmil (Bel); 10, A Olano (Sp) all at same time. Leading overall positions: 1, C Boardman (GB) 15hr 33min 51sec; 2, M Velo (It) at 5sec; 3, Olano 10; 4, J C Dominguez (Sp) 13; 5, V Ekimov (Russ) 14; 6, M Mauri (Sp) 15; 7, D Baranowski (Pol) 20; 8, A L Casero (Sp) 21; 9, M Podenzana (It) 23; 10, Cipollini same time

Time trials

RTTC NATIONAL 50-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (Wrenbury, Cheshire). Equal 1, I Gilkes (Team Ambrosia) and R Prebble (Team Clean) 1hr 47min 37sec; 3, S Yates (Team Clean) 1:48:38. Team: Team Clean (Prebble, Yates, T Stevens) 5:29:13. Isle of Man International mountain TT (37.75 miles): 1, C Newton (GB) 1:27:02; 2, S Dangerfield (GB) 1:29:22; 3, G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 1:32:15. International team: Great Britain (Newton, Dangerfield, K Dawson) 4:30:37. Club team: RAF CC 5:00:36. Scottish CU team championship (Forfar, 93.4km): 1, Aberdeen Multisport (W Hart, P Duncan, S Shand, G Jardine) 2:12:58; 2, GS Modena 2:13:10; 3, Edinburgh RC 2:14:35. Mid-Devon CC (Chudleigh, 100 miles): 1, A Ryder (St Budeaux CC) 3:51:18 (event record); 2, S Bersford (Hounslow and District Wheelers) 4:07:15; 3, G Thatcher (Choughs RC) 4:11:42. Burton and District CA (Derby-Blythe Bridge, 100 miles): 1, J Bowler (South Pennine RC) 3:53:45 (event record); 2, D Bates (South Pennine RC) 4:01:01; 3, K Austin (Congleton CC) 4:06:19. Team: South Pennine RC 12:26:22. West Wales CL (Llandovery, 100 miles): 1, S Edwards (Rhondda Valley CC) 4:02:20; 2, J Lindsay (Pembrokeshire Velo) 4:12:19; 3, K Bartlemore (Acme Wheelers) 4:18:24. Team: Pembrokeshire Velo (four riders) 17:41:37. CC Breckland (Wymondham, Norfolk, 100 miles): 1, D Soloman (Whitewebbs CC) 4:06:18; 2, D Gill (Diss and District CC) 4:08:13; 3, A Jardine (Ipswich BC) 4:15:08. North Notts Olympic (Tuxford-Grantham, 50 miles): 1, N Peart (Walsall RCC) 1:47:30; 2, S Howells (Corinium CC) 1:50:35; 3, S Keeton (Rutland CC) 1:51:28. Team: Team Sanjan Design 5:46:27. North Road CC (Tempsford, Bedfordshire, 50 miles): 1, M Hutchinson (Cambridge University CC) 1:47:33 (event record); 2, J Sharples (Eastbourne Rovers) 1:53:26; 3, A Rivett (VC Venta) 1:54:58. Team: North Road CC 6:24:18. Reading CC (Didcot, 50 miles): 1, I Cammish (Velo Viento) 1:48:42; 2, E Deane (Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers) 1:50:26; 3, J Henderson (Oxford University CC) 1:51:08. Team: Hounslow and District Wheelers 5:38:04. Kent CA (Ham Street, 50 miles): 1, A Archer (GS Invicta) 1:51:13 (course record); 2, N Marsh (VC Deal) 1:57:34; 3, R Davison (Ross-shire RCC) 1:57:56. Team: VC Deal 5:56:01. Salisbury RC (Andover, 50 miles) 1, M Cox (Sotonia CC) 1:53:05; 2, P Rogers (VC St Raphael) 1:54:08; 3, C Birch (Alton CC) 1:56:09. Team: Northovers VT 6:22:00. Sharrow CC (Ranby, North Nottinghamshire, 50 miles): 1, A Cooke (VC Chesterfield) 1:54:54; 2, D Hatton (Scunthorpe RC) 1:56:57; 3, P Mapletoft (Chesterfield Spire RC) 1:57:11. Team: Gainsborough Aegir CC 6:35:54. Lancaster CC (Garstang, 50 miles): 1, D Perry (Preston Wheelers) 1:54:40; 2, G Watts (Team Rapide) 1:56:47; 3, A Powell (Kent Valley RC) 1:57:08. Team: Preston Wheelers 5:56:12. Cleveland Wheelers (Swainby, North Yorkshire, 50 miles): 1, S Fullerton (Richmond and Darlington CC) 1:56:36; 2, W Thorpe (Brough Wheelers) 1:59:42; 3, A Wrigley (Cleveland Wheelers) 2:00:47. Team: Cleveland Wheelers 6:06:46. Northumbrian RC (Seaton Burn, 50 miles): 1, D McCready (GS Metro) 1:57:38; 2, C Little (Ridley CC) 2:00:36; 3, C Herbert (Cestria CC) 2:01:33. Team: Ridley CC 6:41:11. Forres CC (50 miles): 1, V McLennan (Ross-shire RCC) 2:03:02; 2, W Matthews (West Highland Wheelers) 2:03:29; 3, I Longbotham (Moray Firth CC) 2:06:08. Team: Moray Firth CC 6:30:39. Birkenhead CC (Broxton, Cheshire, 30 miles): 1, J Howard (Merseyside Wheelers) 1:04:03; 2, D Feely (Rhyl CC) 1:05:39; 3, A Roberts (North Shropshire Wheelers) 1:06:07. Team: Rhyl CC 3:23:58. Century RC (Tempsford, Bedfordshire, 25 miles): 1, T Bayley (VC Deal) 53:00; 2, B Harwood (North Wirral Velo) 53:39; 3, K Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 53:46. Team: Welland Valley Wheelers 2:50:24. Drighlington BC (Walshford, North Yorkshire, 25 miles): 1, C Isaacs (Berwick Wheelers) 53:48; 2, A Stott (VC York) 55:14; 3, P Chapman (Otley CC) 57:27. Team: Berwick Wheelers 2:59:19. Welland Valley Wheelers (Thrapston, 25 miles): 1, D Willetts (Birchfield CC) 53:51; 2, B Mitchell (Coventry CC) 55:01; 3, P Galpin (St Ives CC) 55:14. Team: St Ives CC 2:57:22. Crest CC (Quendon, Essex, 25 miles): 1, R Hagger (API Resprays) 54:51; 2, D Pollard (Lewes Wanderers) 55:35; 3, B McCarthy (Glendene CC) 56:41. Team: API Resprays 2:50:02. Yello Velo (Boston, Lincolnshire, 25 miles): 1, I Dalton (Cherry Valley RT) 55:00; 2, G Cook (Chesterfield Coureurs) 58:26; 3, A Gittin (Nottingham Clarion) 58:33. Team: Alford Wheelers 2:57:08. Gloucester City CC (25 miles): 1, L Davis (Terry Wright Cycles) 56:40; 2, I Smith (Clevedon and District RC) 58:03; 3, T Radley (Wyedean Velo) 58:11. Team: Dursley RC 3:01:57. Border City Wheelers (Carlisle, 25 miles): 1, P Smith (Border City Wheelers) 56:58; 2, J Bunting (West Pennine RC) 58:48; 3, R Clough (ABC Centreville) 1:01:01. Team: Border City Wheelers 3:02:45. Pontypridd Wheelers (Bassaleg, Gwent, 10 miles): 1, M Postle (PDM Sports) 20:31; 2, C Roach (Ogmore Valley Wheelers) 21:17; 3, B Charley (Team Sabre) 21:18. Team: Condor Cycles RT 1:07:29. Farnborough and Camberley CC (Bentley, Hampshire, 10 miles): 1, M Hutchinson (Cambridge University CC) 20:46; 2, A Goatley (CC Woking) 21:27; 3, A Trueman (Twickenham CC) 21:52. Team: Newbury RC 1:08:43. Great Yarmouth CC (Bungay, 10 miles): 1, S Morrison (CC Breckland) 21:03; 2, R De'ath (CC Breckland) 21:17; 3, S Lyons (VC Norwich) 21:41. Team: CC Breckland (fastest third rider) 23:57. Gravesend CC (Reculver, 10 miles): 1, A Archer (GS Invicta) 21:28; 2, L Martin (San Fairy Ann CC) 21:43; 3, A Miller (De Laune CC) 21:58. Team: GS Invicta 1:07:31. Ferryhill Wheelers (Crathorne, North Yorkshire, 10 miles): 1, P Nicholson (Cleveland Wheelers) 22:25; 2, A Watson (Ferryhill Wheelers) 22:31; 3, C Herbert (Cestria CC) 22:41



The Brown University eight, from the United States, strain the sinews in winning their first race of the Henley women's regatta, against Reading, on Saturday. Report, page 38. Photograph: André Camara

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB Super League

Friday

Leeds 35 Halifax 18

Leeds Rhinos: Tries: Cummins 2, Sterling 2, Harris, St Hilaire. Goals: Harris 5. Dropped goal: Harris. Halifax Blue Sox: Tries: Baldwin, Moana, Sharrett. Goals: Bloem 2, Pearson. Att: 12,192

Saturday

Sheffield 18 St Helens 17

Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Stott 2, Sovatabua. Goals: Morganson 2, Wood. St Helens: Tries: Newlove, C Smith, Sullivan. Goals: Goulding, Long. Dropped goal: Long. Att: 3,000

Yesterday

London 16 Castleford 36

London Broncos: Tries: Beazley, Goodwin, Matterson. Goals: Matterson 2. Castleford Tigers: Tries: Davis, Ford, Gay, Sampson, M Smith, Tonks, Vowles. Goals: Davis 4. Att: 2,500

Salford 11 Bradford 10

Salford Reds: Tries: Bradbury, White. Goal: White. Dropped goal: Lee. Bradford Bulls: Try: Medley. Goals: S McNamara 3. Att: 6,319.

Wigan 56 Warrington 8

Wigan Warriors: Tries: P Johnson 2, Betts, Cassidy, Connolly, Gilmour, McCormack, Paul, Robinson. Goals: Farrell 10. Warrington Wolves: Try: Forster. Goals: Rudd 2. Att: 10,149.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	11	10	0	1	366	102	20
Leeds	11	10	0	1	291	142	20
Halifax	11	8	0	3	264	204	16
St Helens	11	6	0	5	267	209	12
Bradford	11	6	0	5	216	178	12
Warrington	11	4	1	6	186	295	9
Salford	11	4	0	7	168	208	8
Castleford	11	4	0	7	184	250	8
London	11	4	0	7	158	245	8
Sheffield	11	3	1	7	219	239	7
*Hull	10	3	0	7	186	235	6
*Huddersfld	10	2	0	8	128	328	4

* not including last night's match

First division

Friday

Keighley 15 Featherstone 10

Keighley Cougars: Tries: Laurence, K Smith, Tyrer. Goal: Lee. Dropped goal: Longo. Featherstone Rovers: Tries: Baker, Coventry. Goal: Fallins. Att: 2,069.

Yesterday

Dewsbury 27 Hull KR 14

Dewsbury Rams: Tries: Arrowsmith, Flynn, Rose, S Williams. Goals: Agar 5. Dropped goal: Bramald. Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: Gene 2. Goals: M Fletcher 3. Att: 1,547

Rochdale 64 Leigh 20

Rochdale Hornets: Tries: Swann 4, Kerr 2, Shaw 2, Cameron, A Eyres, Maher. Goals: Fox 10. Leigh Centurions: Tries: Grundy, Hill, Sarsfield. Goals: Wingfield 4. Att: 932.

Swinton 44 Widnes 11

Swinton Lions: Tries: Mann 3, Cannon, Coley, Craig, Cushion, Watson. Goals: Gartland 6. Widnes Vikings: Tries: Gartland, Moore. Goal: Hewitt. Dropped goal: Hewitt. Att: 1,349

Wakefield 36 Hunslet 22

Wakefield: Tries: Briggs, Casey, I Hughes, M Law, Southernwood, Wray. Goals: Casey 6. Hunslet Hawks: Tries: Baker, Gray, Mansson, Thackray. Goals: Ellis 3. Att: 1,580

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	19	14	1	4	486	319	29
Dewsbury	19	12	2	5	492	294	26
Hull KR	19	12	1	6	417	307	25
Swinton	19	12	0	7	459	325	24
Hunslet	19	11	1	7	453	344	23
Featherstone	19	9	1	9	456	403	19
Whitehaven	19	9	0	10	445	435	18
Keighley	19	8	0	11	346	452	16
Widnes	19	7	1	11	415	460	15
Leigh	20	4	0	16	367	754	8
Rochdale	19	3	1	15	364	607	7

Second division

Friday

Oldham 25 Lancashire Lynx 20

Oldham: Tries: Wilde 2, Marindale, Meade. Goals: Wilkinson 4. Dropped goal: Wilkinson. Lancashire Lynx: Tries: Byrne 2, Parsley. Goals: P Jones 4. Att: 1,856

(at Spotland Stadium)

Yesterday

Doncaster 22 Batley 28

Doncaster Dragons: Tries: Miller 2, Okul 2. Goals: Edwards 3. Batley Bulldogs: Tries: Gleadhill, Harrison, McWilliams, Price, Simpson. Goals: Price 4. Att: 432.

York 27 Bramley 10

York: Tries: Deakin 2, Cain, Flowers, Moore. Goals: Cain 3. Dropped goal: Precious. Bramley: Try: Potter. Goals: G Brown 2, K Smith. Att: 521

Barrow 34 Workington 12

Barrow Border Raiders: Tries: Rhodes 2, Holt, Kettlewell, Quayle, Spenceley. Goals: Marwood 5. Workington Town: Tries: Arnold, Henare. Goals: Fisher 2. Att: 821

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	11	7	1	3	241	195	15
York	11	7	0	4	243	155	14
Lancashire L	10	6	2	2	234	187	14
Bramley	12	7	0	5	261	223	14
Batley	11	6	0	5	262	214	12
Barrow	11	5	1	5	200	200	11
Workington	11	2	1	8	168	280	5
Doncaster	11	1	1	9	165	340	3

TOUR MATCH: North Queensland Aborigines 24 Barla Great Britain 36.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Brisbane Broncos 56 Western Suburbs 4, Manly 22 Penrith Panthers 4. Canberra Raiders 22 Newcastle Knights 12; Canterbury Bulldogs 22 Sydney City 10; Auckland Warriors 31 St George 14, North Queensland 8 Melbourne Storm 10; Parramatta Eels 25 North Sydney 12; Gold Coast 4 Balmain Tigers 18; Cronulla Sharks 30 South Sydney 12; Adelaide Rams 4 Illawarra Steelers 39

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

AON TROPHY (one day): Seaton Carew: Durham v Lancashire. Newport: Glamorgan v Worcestershire. Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire. Hove: Sussex v Surrey. Solihull: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire. Park Avenue, Bradford: Yorkshire v Derbyshire.

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Newcastle v Arena Essex (7.30)

TENNIS: All England Championships (at Wimbledon)

TOMORROW

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: New Zealand Maoris v England XV (in Rotorua, 8.35am). Gauteng Falcons v Wales XV (in Vanderbijlpark, 8.15)

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: All England Championships (at Wimbledon).

WEDNESDAY

CRICKET

NATWEST TROPHY (one day): First round: Chester: Cheshire v Essex. Derby: Derbyshire v Cumberland. Exmouth: Devon v Yorkshire. Bournemouth: Dorset v Hampshire. Cardiff: Glamorgan v Bedfordshire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire. Canterbury: Kent v Cambridgeshire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex. Leicester: Leicestershire v Staffordshire. Lord's: Middlesex v Herefordshire. Colwyn Bay: Minor Counties Wales v Nottinghamshire. Lakenham: Norfolk v Durham. Edinburgh: Scotland v Worcestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Holland. The Oval: Surrey v Buckinghamshire. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Ireland

TOUR MATCH (three days): Fenner's: British Universities v South Africans.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Dewsbury Rams v Wakefield Trinity (7.45); Featherstone Rovers v Swinton Lions (7.30). Hull Kingston Rovers v Hunslet Hawks (7.30); Whitehaven Warriors v Rochdale Hornets (7.30). Widnes Vikings v Keighley Cougars (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: King's Lynn v Oxford (7.45): Wolverhampton v Belle Vue (7.30)

TENNIS: All England Championships (at Wimbledon)

THURSDAY

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Ipswich v Coventry (7.30). Swindon v Eastbourne (7.30)

TENNIS: All England Championships (at Wimbledon).

FRIDAY

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (four days): Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex. Southgate: Middlesex v Essex. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan. Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Belle Vue v Wolverhampton (7.30). Oxford v Ipswich (7.45). Premier League Cup: Edinburgh v Glasgow (7.30).

TENNIS: All England Championships (at Wimbledon)

SATURDAY

CRICKET

UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days): Canterbury: Kent v Oxford University. Headingley: Yorkshire v Cambridge University

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: New Zealand v England (at Auckland, 3.35am); South Africa v Wales (at Pretoria, 4.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Halifax Blue Sox v London Broncos (7.15)

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Coventry v Oxford (7.30); Eastbourne v Wolverhampton (7.30). Premier League: Arena Essex v Edinburgh (8.0). Berwick v Isle of Wight (7.0). Premier League Team Championship: Stoke v Hull v Peterborough v Sheffield (7.0)

TENNIS: All England Championships (at Wimbledon).

SUNDAY

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (one day): Northampton: Northamptonshire v South Africans

AXA LEAGUE (one day): The Oval: Surrey v Worcestershire

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls v Huddersfield Giants (6.0); Castleford Tigers v Wigan Warriors (3.30); Hull Sharks v Sheffield Eagles (3.15); St Helens v Salford Reds (3.0), Warrington Wolves v Leeds Rhinos (6.35). First division: Keighley Cougars v Hunslet Hawks (3.0). Leigh Centurions v Hull Kingston Rovers (3.0), Rochdale Hornets v Featherstone Rovers (3.0), Swinton Lions v Dewsbury Rams (3.0); Whitehaven Warriors v Widnes Vikings (3.0). Second division: Barrow Border Raiders v Oldham (3.0), Bramley v Batley Bulldogs (3.0); Doncaster Dragons v York (3.0), Lancashire Lynx v Workington Town (3.0)

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR RACING: British touring car Championship

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Glasgow v Isle of Wight (6.30). Newport v Arena Essex (2.30): Peterborough v Exeter (6.30)

RUGBY UNION

International matches

Australia 33 Scotland 11

Australia: Tries: Grey, Larkham, Ofahengaue. Tune. Cons: Burke 2. Pens: Burke 3. Scotland: Try: Hodge. Pens: Lee 2.

(in Brisbane)

New Zealand 64 England 22

New Zealand: Tries: Cullen 2, Randell 2, Wilson 2, Kronfeld, Lomu, Mayerhofler. Cons: Mehrtens 5. Pens: Mehrtens 3. England: Tries: Beim, Cockerill, Dawson. Cons: Stimpson 2. Pen: Stimpson

(in Dunedin)

South Africa 33 Ireland 0

South Africa: Tries: Dalton, Erasmus, Rossouw, Teichmann, Van der Westhuizen. Cons: Montgomery 4.

(in Pretoria)

Argentina 12 France 37

Argentina: Pens: Arbizu 3. Dropped goal: Arbizu. France: Tries: Soulette 2, Dominici, Garbajosa, Brouzet. Cons: Castaignède 3. Pens: Castaignède 2.

(in Buenos Aires)

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Tour match: Natal Sharks 30 Wales XV 23 (in Durban)

GOLF

SANTO DA SERRA: Madeira Island Open: Leading final scores: 277: M Lanner (Swe) 70, 66, 68, 73. 278: S Scahill (NZ) 72, 61, 69, 76. 279: A Beal (GB) 71, 68, 67, 73. 282: T Gogele (Ger) 68, 68, 73, 73. F Cea (Sp) 69, 69, 71, 73. 283: C Suneson (Sp) 70, 72, 69, 72; R Sailer (Austria) 70, 68, 70, 75. 284: J Mellor (GB) 69, 70, 73, 72, C Cevaer (Fr) 70, 71, 69, 74

BLAIRGOWRIE: Scottish Mid Amateur championship: Quarter-finals: G Campbell (Blairgowrie) bt J Gilmour (Harburn) 5 and 4, E Moir (Hamilton) bt B Smith (Hamilton) at 20th, G Hay (Panmure) bt S Walker (West Linton) at 20th: H Thompson (Irvine) bt W D Gilchrist (Balbirnie Park) 1 hole. Semi-finals: Campbell bt Moir 5 and 4: Hay bt Thompson 3 and 2

AGAWAM, Massachusetts: LPGA Friendly's Classic: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated): 208: A Fruhwirth 69, 71, 68. 211: B Burton 72, 72, 67, K Saiki 70, 71, 68, C Johnson 73, 68, 70, P Kometani 73, 68, 70, H Daly-Donofrio 67, 71, 73, M Lovander 69, 68, 74. 212: L Kiggens 72, 72, 68, L A Mills 71, 71, 70; D Ammaccapane 71, 70, 71, C Sorenstam (Swe) 69, 70, 73. 213: R Jones 72, 71, 70, J Moodie 72, 71, 70; Ji Hyun Suh (Kor) 69, 72, 72; V Skinner 68, 71, 74. 214: L Walters (Can) 71, 72, 71; Pearl Sinn (Thai) 70, 72, 72

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Kansas City 8 Detroit 4, Cleveland 7 New York Yankees 4; Boston 4 Tampa Bay 1; Minnesota 10 Chicago White Sox 6; Seattle 9 Oakland 1; Texas 7 Anaheim 3, Baltimore 7 Toronto 4 (15inns). Saturday: New York Yankees 5 Cleveland 3; Oakland 6 Seattle 2; Anaheim 8 Texas 3; Tampa Bay 8 Boston 5; Chicago White Sox 8 Minnesota 7 (11inns); Detroit 4 Kansas City 3, Baltimore 11 Toronto 3

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	17	.746	—
Boston	43	28	.606	9
Baltimore	35	38	.486	17½
Toronto	35	39	.473	18½
Tampa Bay	31	41	.431	21½

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	40	31	.563	—
Minnesota	34	38	.472	6½
Chicago	29	43	.403	11½
Kansas City	29	43	.403	11½
Detroit	27	43	.386	12½

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	43	29	.597	—
Texas	42	31	.575	1½
Oakland	33	39	.458	10
Seattle	30	44	.405	14

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Philadelphia 9 Chicago Cubs 8 (12inns), Montreal 14 Atlanta 1; Florida 3 New York Mets 2; St Louis 5 Arizona 0, Milwaukee 2 Pittsburgh 1. Houston 4 Cincinnati 2; Los Angeles 4 Colorado 3 (10inns); San Diego 9 San Francisco 5. Saturday: Houston 9 Cincinnati 8, San Francisco 6 San Diego 2, Florida 8 New York Mets 3: Atlanta 5 Montreal 1; Chicago Cubs 9 Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 4 Milwaukee 2; Colorado 7 Los Angeles 6; St Louis 4 Arizona 2.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	50	24	.676	—
New York	38	31	.551	9½
Philadelphia	35	36	.493	13½
Montreal	29	43	.403	20
Florida	24	49	.329	25½

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	45	28	.616	—
Chicago	42	31	.575	3
Milwaukee	36	35	.507	8
St Louis	36	36	.500	8½
Pittsburgh	36	38	.486	9½
Cincinnati	30	45	.400	16

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	48	26	.649	—
San Francisco	44	31	.587	4½
Los Angeles	36	37	.493	10½
Colorado	31	44	.413	17½
Arizona	25	49	.338	23

CLUB CRICKET

ADKIN CHERWELL LEAGUE: Aylesbury 166-9 Rover Cowley 167-4; Banbury 150-8 Banbury XX 151-1; Bourton Vale 183-8 Shipton-under-Wychwood 114-9, Leighton Buzzard 183 Bicester and North Oxford 98, Thame 183 Oxford 184-3.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Barnt Green 76-9 West Bromwich Dartmouth 75, Coventry and North Warwicks 145 Aston Unity 70; Moseley 201-6 Wolverhampton 39, Smethwick 136-4 Kidderminster 125-9; Stratford 164-8 Old Hill 123-8; Walsall 184-7 Stourbridge 131-8

FORT JAMES BOLTON LEAGUE: Horwich 143-8 dec Egerton 147-9; Tonge 141-7 dec Farnworth 137-7, Farnworth SC 102-5 dec Heaton 105-3, Eagley 74 Greenmount 75-2; Kearsley 133-5 dec West Houghton 137-3; Little Lever 160-5 dec Astley Bridge 98-9; Walkden 117-2 dec Bradshaw 118-1

BRADFORD LEAGUE: Baildon 88 Pudsey Congs 90-8. Saltaire 134 Bowling Old Lane 92-9; Bradford and Bingley 207-8 Farsley 79, Hanging Heaton 152-6 East Bierley 157-3, Pudsey St Lawrence 209-5 Windhill 100, Lightcliffe 108 Spen Victoria 110-4, Undercliffe 199-7 Yorkshire Bank 102

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Middleton 174-5 Oldham 170-9; Rochdale 178-8 Walsden 132, Werneth 188-5 Norden 192-5, Heywood 115-8 Crompton 116-5, Radcliffe 165-7 Ashton 135-9, Stockport 134 Unsworth 137-8; Royton 109 Milnrow 113-3

JAROSE CENTRAL YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Ossett 129-9 Mirfield 78-9; Methley 163-9 Staincliffe 111, Townville 137-9 Gomersal 138-6, Slazengers 154-9 Wrenthorpe 139-9; Batley 78 Altofts 82-1; New Farnley 148 Liversedge 141

MURRAY SMITH AND CO CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Chester Boughton Hall 186-5 dec Grappenhall 187-5, Cheadle Hulme 188-7 dec Heaton Mersey 154-8, Hyde 169 Brooklands 151; Macclesfield 179-9 dec Bowdon 160-4; Birkenhead Park 150-8 dec Marple 151-7, Nantwich 123 Alsager 124-5, Alderley Edge 182 Neston 184-5, Upton 207-8 dec Sale 121-9

DEVON LEAGUE: Bovey Tracey 208-4 Budleigh Salterton 146, Buckfastleigh 126 Exmouth 130-3; Sidmouth 150 Paignton 98 Barton 216-6 Sandford 201-7, Tiverton Heathcoat 214-9 Seaton 142; Exeter 133 Torquay 103-8.

SHEPHERD NEAME ESSEX LEAGUE: Woodford Wells 174-9 Billericay 133; Brentwood 147 Leigh-on-Sea 96, Ilford 94 Chelmsford 95-4, Chingford 173 Hadleigh and Thundersley 174-7. Hornchurch-on-the-Hill 166 Colchester and East Essex 167-3; Fives and Heronians 183-8 Gidea Park and Romford 103; Shenfield 187-7 Hainault and Clayhall 134-6, Orsett and Thurrock 207-4 Loughton 121-9 Saffron Walden 149 Wanstead 141-5

HILEY ENGINEERING HALIFAX LEAGUE: Warley 261-5 Northowram 220-7, Triangle 257-5 Copley 224-7. Barkisland 258-7 Southowram 148 Booth 203-8 Outlane 181-8 Sowerby 154-8 Blackley 158-3 Bradshaw 253-4 Sowerby Bridge 239-6

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Hertford 146 Letchworth 86, Langleybury 86 Radlett 87-4. Hitchin 58 Luton Town 59-2. North Mymms 203-7 Hoddesdon 204-6 Sawbridgeworth 134-9 West Herts 99. Hemel Hempstead 187-4 Watford Town 187-5, St Albans 126-9 Welwyn Garden City 123-7; Bishop's Stortford 166-8 Knebworth Park 117-8; Stevenage 147 Old Millhillians 39; Barnet 125 Potters Bar 126-3

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Thongsbridge 191-7 Kirkburton 175-8 Marsden 77 Meltham 80-0, Elland 254-4 Slaithwaite 109-8, Scholes 185-8 Skelmanthorpe 158-9, Linthwaite 101 Broad Oak 104-4. Lascelles Hall 172 Hall Bower 140. Kirkheaton 228-6 Holmfirth 177-8.

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Ashford 172-8 Gravesend 178-8: Bromley 163 Bickley Park 167-2; Bexley 117 Dartford 121-9. RACS 216-7 Folkestone 217-8. Gore Court 118 Blackheath 119-5. Chestfield 113 Hayes 114-0. Orpington 132-8 St Lawrence 135. The Mote 164 Sevenoaks Vine 101. Beckenham 169-8 Tunbridge Wells 160-6. Whitstable 214 Holmesdale 162.

E W CARTON LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Burnley 170-8 Haslingden 129; Lowerhouse 94 Church 97-2; Colne 117 Todmorden 117. Nelson 89-8 East Lancs 82-5. Bacup 151 Enfield 139-9; Accrington 157-8 Ramsbottom 146-6. Rawtenstall 132-5 Rishton 133-4.

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Denton St Law 175 Denton 160-6. Longsight 190-9 Denton West 86. Roe Green 164-6 Dukinfield 103; Irlam 95 Glossop 96-7. Sale Moor 83 Prestwich 86-1. Thornham 188-8 Woodhouses 191-1. Woodbank 218-9 Cheetham Hill 222-5

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Whitehaven 152-7 dec Askam 60-3. Dalton 110 Carlisle 111-3. Cleator 204-1 dec Ulverston 114-4. Lindal 201-6 Penrith 91-2; Vickerstown 134-7 Workington 76-4

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Earlestown 122-9 Flixton 71-7. Bury 100-6 Monton 103-4. Whalley Range 117-6 Brooksbottom 158-6. South West Manchester 132 Winton 134-3

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Brentham 152-9 dec Richmond 153-7. Stanmore 165 Brondesbury 123-9. Ealing 183 Eastcote 146-7: Finchley 146-8 dec Enfield 147-2. Shepherds Bush 174 Hornsey 108. Wembley 179-9 dec North Middlesex 128: Southgate 165-9 dec Teddington 145-8; Hampstead 144-6 South Hampstead 143

NORWICH UNION NORFOLK ALLIANCE: Norwich Barleycorns 125 Fakenham 90. Horsford 90 Dereham 91-2. Ingham 195-9 Norwich Wndrs 101. Cromer 240-9 Swardeston 178-6. Vauxhall M 252-5 Old Buckenham 184-7

NORTH STAFFS AND SOUTH CHESHIRE LEAGUE: Crewe 176-6 Ashcombe Park 31-2; Knypersley 181-9 Betley 157-6, Moddershall 161-9 Bignall End 88-9, Caverswall 68 Little Stoke 69-6; Leek 175-5 Elworth 51-2, Newcastle and H 176-5 Audley 82-3, Stone 156-7 Longton 107-4

DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY NORTH YORKSHIRE AND SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Stockton 170-9 Blackhall 174-6, Hartlepool 223-8 Darlington 22-1. Darlington RA 189-7 Redcar 21-3, Guisborough 137-7 Normanby Hall 151. Marske 143 Bishop Auckland 144-3, Norton 199-6 Northallerton 47-1, Middlesbrough 150 Saltburn 126-5

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LEAGUE: Brixworth 90 Burton Latimer 91-4, Isham 127 Finedon 130-2; Corby 91 Rushden 92-4. Wollaston 98 Towcestrians 99-4

VAUX NORTHERN LEAGUE: Darwen 104-8 Chorley 107-4. Lancaster 134-8 Leyland 92: Netherfield 121-7 Blackpool 124-7. Preston 113 Morecambe 116-1

PRIORY NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE: Percy Main 26 Benwell Hill 27-0. Benwell 204-6 Blyth 160-4. County Club 265 Ashington 55-2, Alnwick 137 Morpeth 109. Tynedale 170 South North 171-3. Tynemouth 215-9 Backworth 119-6

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Padiham 79 Barnoldswick 72, Earby 175-8 Blackburn Northern 87; Settle 59 Cherry Tree 63-0; Whalley 159-7 Clitheroe 130. Read 121-2 Great Harwood 158-8, Oswaldtwistle 135-7 Edenfield 103: Ribblesdale 150-7 Baxenden 154-8

PARKER INTERNATIONAL LTD SADDLEWORTH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: B Fieldhouse 169-5 Hollinwood 102, Greenfield 109 Delph and Dobcross 113-1; Droylsden 142-9 Saddleworth 144-1, Austerlands 109 East Levenshulme 111-5. Friarmere 104-9 F Field 108-7: Heyside 191 Uppermill 99. Moorside 126-8 Micklehurst 99

FURROWS SHROPSHIRE LEAGUE: Ludlow 142 Wroxeter 84-7, Oswestry 141-8 Bridgnorth 108-7 Perkins 99-6 Shifnal 90-8. Shrewsbury 113-8 Newport 117-4. WEM 54 Wellington 58-5: Whitchurch 118-6 St Georges 118-2

WELSH BREWERS SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION: Dafen 116-8 Llanelli 117-6, Swansea 103-8 Ynysygerwn 107-5, Maesteg Town 248-7 Ammanford 192-7. Pontarddulais 177-7 Gowerton 139-9; Briton Ferry Steel 226-7 Neath 226-6

VOLKSWAGEN SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Andover 106 Liphook and Ripsley 107-2; BAT Sports 174-4 Havant 175-5. Waterlooville 139-7 Bournemouth 143-2. Burridge 123 Bashley (Rydal) 127-2. Lymington 183 Hambledon 164. Portsmouth 103 Hungerford 104-2, Romsey 99 Old Tauntonians 100-2; Calmore Sports 161-9 South Wilts 115; Winchester KS 262-5 US Portsmouth 200-3

EVE SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: Mitcham 135 Addiscombe 139-3, Ashford 133 Banstead 134-8: Sunbury 288-6 Guildford 138-3: Cheam 212 Honor Oak 186-8; Beddington 129 Malden Wand 130-9, Old Emanuel 132 Weybridge 133-1; Limpsfield 136-7 Reigate Park 137-3, Spencer 69 Bank of England 70-0, Avorians 128 Sutton 134-3. Walton-on-Thames 233-8 Esher 195-5; Wimbledon 239 Farnham 208-8.

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Ickenham 176-7 Amersham 128-6; Basingstoke 192-9 Harefield 145. Chesham 172-7 Reading 137-9. Falkland 214-9 Beaconsfield 208-8; Hayes 114 High Wycombe 116-1: Kidmore End 147 Finchampstead 151-2; DMT 113 Marlow 114-2, Burnham 111 Tring Park 112-3. Wokingham 179-9 Slough 167

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Appleby Frodingham 187-9 Barnsley 69: Doncaster 167-6 Cleethorpes 117; Driffield 100-9 Rotherham 101-3. Scarborough 94 York 137-2. Sheff Coll 149 Sheff Utd 132: Harrogate 222-2 Hull 172-9.

POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA: Second division: E Brunswick 0 Oakleigh 7, Frankston S 1 Altona City 3. Glen Eira 3 Cranbourne 0; Melbourne C 4 Broadmeadows 1, Mooroolbark 0 Maroondah 3. OS Waverley 2 E Richmond 1. Regent 2 Knox City 1. Third division: Diamond V 5 Chelsea 0; Frankston P 2 Fitzroy 1: Geelong 2 Bell Park 1: Keilor 6 S Werribee 0, Keysborough 2 Banyule 4. S Springvale 0 Pascoe Vale 1, Stonnington 3 N Coburg 0. Fourth division: Corio 1 Geelong R 2, Langwarrin 1 Clifton Hill 0; Moreland 3 Melton 0; Nunawading 2 W Eagles 3. S Caulfield 2 Seaford Utd 2, S Wantirna 1 Williamstown 0. Sunbury 2 Sandringham 1

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Premier division: Dianella 0 Athena 2: Inglewood 0 Fremantle C 0. Joondalup 3 Knights 1. Kingsway 1 Perth 1. Sorrento 0 Cockburn 1. Stirling M 2 Bayswater 2. First division: Armadale Park 0 Queens Park 7, Bassendean 3 Wanneroo 0; Perth City 2 Southside U 0; Rockingham 2 North Lake 2, Stirling S 1 Balcatta 3. Swan IC 2 Ashfield 2.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Premier division: Campbelltown 1 Port Lion 0, Croydon 2 WT Birkalla 3. Cumberland 1 Adelaide R 0, Elizabeth 3. Blue Eagles 0. Olympians 0 White City 2. First division: Adelaide Cobras 2 Noarlunga 1, Adelaide City 3 Sealord 0. Modbury 3 Enfield 1; Para Hills 3 Western S 1. Salisbury 3 Adelaide Hills 2

QUEENSLAND: First division: Annerley 1 Lattobe 2; Dara 1 Brothers 2: Goodna 0 Southside 0. Second division: Archerfield 0 Oxley 6 Clairvaux 6 Greenbank 3. Ipswich 0 Jimboomba 2

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FORECAST: Half-time: no claims required — winnings sent automatically — forecast is very good: eight score draws and nine no-score draws. Full-time: no claims required — forecast is good, five score draws and two no-score draws

RACING: IRISH DERBY CASE WEAKENED BY DEFEAT OF CROCO ROUGE AT LONGCHAMP



Night Shot, left, produces a decisive late challenge to deny Jay Gee in the Palan Handicap at Ascot on Saturday. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

Alarm sounds for Dream Well

BY CHRIS MCGRATH

THERE are those in Ireland who believe the Derby and Prix du Jockey-Club to be *mere semi-finals in the classic* generation's middle-distance championship. The final, in their view, is the Budweiser Irish Derby at the Curragh.

On Sunday, however, Epsom's defence of its pre-eminence will rest not so much on the evidence of history books as on the form book. For Croco Rouge, a close second to his stablemate, Dream Well, in the Prix du Jockey-Club, was *never able to land a blow in* the Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp yesterday, finishing third behind Limpid and Almutawakel.

Just as the host nation's World Cup prospects have been compromised by the ignominy of one of its stars, so did Croco Rouge potentially reduce the Irish Derby to a replica of the Epsom duel between High-Rise and City Honours. Like Zidane's suspension, *his eclipse leaves the* remnants of the French challenge looking flawed.

Yesterday's race was over the course and distance where Croco Rouge, in the Prix Lupin, had prompted his trainer, Pascal Bary, to declare *him the best colt he had* trained. Yet, returned to ten furlongs, he could not muster a challenge and finished three lengths adrift of another big-*race finish shared* between those great friends and rivals, Olivier Peslier and Frankie Dettori.

At the line a neck verdict went to Peslier, wearing the silks of Sheikh Mohammed. Being also the spur behind Godolphin, which fielded Almutawakel, the Sheikh was sustaining the Maktoum brothers' remarkable run of form at Royal Ascot last week.

By the look of things, Limpid might be a colt that André Fabre has rather kept up his sleeve. For, provoked by the emergence of Godolphin, Fa*bre has sometimes given the* Sheikh himself opportunity to see how even so diminutive a man can be aloof in his genius.

Anthony Stroud, the *Sheikh's racing manager*, said: "Limpid has been a late-maturing type. We'll probably give him a break and bring him back with the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in mind."

Dream Well's form was also *holed beneath the waterline* by Prolix, who had not seemed to get home when ridden positively at Chantilly. Though he managed an honourable fifth *that day, yesterday's return to* a more suitable trip saw him fill the same position in a field of only seven. "We were going well turning for home," Pat Eddery said. "*But he just* didn't quite pick up in the straight."

Bary, however, defended Dream Well from the result of *yesterday's contest.* "*That was* not the real Croco Rouge," he said. "He had a hard race at Chantilly, and didn't show any sparkle today. He'll have *a rest now. Dream Well* worked nicely on Saturday, and definitely goes to Ireland."

Peslier's success amounted to a perfect sighter for Sunday, when he again rides High-Rise, who responded so courageously *to his demands at* Epsom. City Honours, partnered by John Reid when notionally Godolphin's second string there, will be ridden by *Dettori on this occasion.*

At the time, for Dettori to watch that drama unfold from the disappointing Cape Verdi seemed to confirm the generally *flat tone of his season.* Having declined to get involved in another arduous battle for the championship he lost to Kieren Fallon last *season, the Italian temporarily* seemed to have lost the substance that provided a stage for his style. Seven winners at the royal meeting, however, have undoubtedly restored that irrepressible streak to a rider who has always thrived on confidence.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TIGULLIO (8.40 Windsor)

Next best: Optional (8.10 Windsor)

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

6.40 Lady Rockstar. 7.10 TINKER OSMASTON (nap). 7.40 Alharir. 8.10 Buona Sera. 8.40 U K Magic. 9.10 Time Loss.

GOING: GOOD SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.40 HERBERT AND PETER BLAGRAVE FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,905: 1m 2f) (15 runners) SKY

1 1111 LADY ROCKSTAR 5 (D,F,G) M Ryan 9-12 (5ex) G Faulkner (5) 6
2 0-04 NOCTURNE 35 J Hills 9-5 M Hills 12
3 2022 FAWNING 12 (BF) M Blanshard 9-1 D Sweeney 1
4 -001 MAIELLA 25 (F) R Hannon 8-13 Dane O'Neill 7
5 0046 TEA DANCER 5 (G) B Meehan 8-13 M Tebbutt 8
6 00-4 ZIELANA GORA 26 C Dwyer 8-12 R Hills 2
7 000 MISS SABREMA 21 S C Williams 8-9 Martin Dwyer 14
8 000- STALWART LEGION 260 J Hills 8-7 M Henry 15
9 00-0 FIFTH EMERALD 23 C Wall 8-5 G Hind 5
10 -400 RAPID RELIANCE 26 (G) R Ingram 8-4 D O'Donohoe 3
11 -000 SHAMBLES 26 G Margarson 8-0 G Bardwell 4
12 -000 FLYING CLOUDS 27 M Blanshard 7-13 Dale Gibson 10
13 0003 TUI 9 P Bowen 7-12 Jenny Benson (7) 11
14 000- VICKY JAZZ 233 J S Moore 7-10 S Watkins (7) 13
15 6000 MRS PICKLES 14 M Usher 7-10 J Marshall 9

7-4 Lady Rockstar, 4-1 Maiella, 6-1 Fawning, 7-1 Nocturne, 12-1 Tea Dancer, 15-1 Stalwart Legion, Fifth Emerald, 20-1 others.

7.10 CORAL HANDICAP (£3,745: 6f) (20) SKY

1 2-50 LORD OLIVIER 39 (D,F,G) W Jarvis 8-10-0 J Reid 5
2 4040 SAMWAR 12 (D,G) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-13 T Sprake 13
3 1/0 POLISH LEGION 14 (F) J Akehurst 5-9-13 M Hills 4
4 0-02 FAIRY PRINCE 23 (D,F,G) Mrs A King 5-9-12 R Hughes 11
5 -042 SALTY BEHAVIOUR 7 (D,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-10 Dane O'Neill 1
6 0-00 SADA 16 C Dwyer 3-9-6 D Holland 15
7 1031 DOUBLE MARCH 7 (CD,G,S) K Ivory 5-9-6 (7ex) N Pollard (7) 2
8 0323 TINKER OSMASTON 7 (BF,CD,F,S) R Hodges 7-9-5 J Quinn 10
9 -420 AKALIM 17 (D,F) L Cottrell 5-9-4 A Daly (3) 9
10 00-0 ELLA LAMEES 13 (CD,F) W Musson 4-9-1 W J O'Connor 19
11 300- SWAN LAKE 301 B Meehan 4-9-0 Pat Eddery 17
12 2502 CARLTON 23 (B,BF,S) G Lewis 4-8-12 Paul Eddery 18
13 0-10 MOUNTAIN MAGIC 16 (F) D F-Davis 3-8-9 M Dwyer 20
14 -003 MERANTI 11 (D,F,G) J Bradley 5-8-9 M Henry 7
15 -600 DANCING MYSTERY 38 (B,D) E Wheeler 4-8-6 D Biggs 16
16 d204 JUSTINIANUS 7 (D,G) J Bridger 6-8-5 G Bardwell 8
17 5005 SWEET BETTSIE 16 K Burke 4-8-4 D Sweeney 14
18 1020 CLONOE 11 (BF,D,S) R Ingram 4-8-3 N Adams 12
19 0000 DAYNABEE 24 (D,F,G,S) A McNae 3-7-13 T Ashley 3
20 -042 KOSEVO 9 (V) A Kelleway 4-7-12 J Savage (7) 6

6-1 Carlton, 8-1 Salty Behaviour, Tinker Osmaston, 10-1 Fairy Prince, Double March, Justinianus, Clonoe 12-1 others.

7.40 JOHN D WOOD & COMPANY FILLIES STAKES (£4,664: 1m 2f 7yd) (7) SKY

1 221- LOLITA 9J (G) J Jenkins 4-9-5 D Holland 5
2 50-3 LONELY HEART 32 (D,F) D Elsworth 4-9-3 Pat Eddery 2
3 MY ELLIE R Simpson 4-8-13 M Gallagher 1
4 15-0 ALHARIR 72 (BF,F) J Dunlop 3-8-5 R Hills 4
5 013 BRIDE'S ANSWER 25 (S) M Channon 3-8-5 R Perham 3
6 0-1 BEACON BLAZE 10 R Cowell 3-8-1 Dale Gibson 6
7 -061 BOBBYDAZZLE 19 (G,S) Dr J Scargill 3-8-1 J Quinn 7

11-10 Alharir, 5-4 Lonely Heart, 8-1 Bride's Answer, 12-1 Bobbydazzle, 20-1 Lolita, 33-1 Beacon Blaze, 66-1 My Ellie.

8.10 SUNLEY EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,518: 6f) (25) SKY

1 ADMIRALS PLACE R Armstrong 9-0 R Hills 12
2 3 BUONA SERA 14 W Muir 9-0 J Reid 17
3 0 DIVING FOR PEARLS 26 G Lewis 9-0 D Denby (7) 21
4 6 FADMOOR B M Tompkins 9-0 D Biggs 19
5 0 PARISIEN STAR 14 G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery 9
6 PLURALIST W Jarvis 9-0 R Hughes 18
7 44 POKEIT 25 G L Moore 9-0 Candy Morris 8
8 0 RICH PLAIN 14 C Wall 9-0 G Hind 22
9 6 SUNNY CHIEF 3 M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter 24
10 WHISTLING DODE M Channon 9-0 R Perham 20
11 0 WILD TIMES 48 E Wheeler 9-0 B O'Leary (7) 13
12 CHALOUPE H Candy 8-9 C Rutter 2
13 0 CLOON CREE 27 (V) D Cosgrove 8-9 N Adams 15
14 0 DANCING GISELLE 24 M Blanshard 8-9 D Sweeney 16
15 4502 DOLLY DAY DREAM 13 K Ivory 8-9 Martin Dwyer 10
16 0 ELMS SCHOOLGIRL 27 J Eustace 8-9 J Tate 23
17 5 GOLDEN SYRUP 13 R Hannon 8-9 Dane O'Neill 6
18 GREY PRINCESS P Harris 8-9 Pat Eddery 7
19 NOZOMI P Makin 8-9 D Holland 1
20 6 OPTIONAL 16 B Meehan 8-9 M Tebbutt 25
21 0 PETAK 14 D Ffrench Davis 8-9 P McCabe 14
22 05 ROYAL PREVIEW 19 M Bell 8-9 R Mullen (3) 4
23 SANSKRIT J Dunlop 8-9 T Sprake 5
24 0 SLIMS LADY 24 K Burke 8-9 N Callan (7) 11
25 VENTURE ISLAND W Musson 8-9 J Quinn 3

6-1 Buona Sera, 7-1 Sanskrit, 8-1 Optional, 10-1 Sunny Chief, Grey Princess, 12-1 Golden Syrup, 14-1 others.

8.40 CADOGAN GROUP HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,927: 1m 3f 135yd) (13)

1 -033 FOREST FIRE 12 B Hanbury 9-7 A McGlone 3
2 60-0 CAGE AUX FOLLES 21 J Hills 9-7 M Hills 2
3 0-00 CROMER PIER 45 M Tompkins 9-4 D Biggs 4
4 0-62 U K MAGIC 19 J Banks 9-3 Pat Eddery 6
5 4-50 FRANKLIN LAKES 10 C Horgan 8-13 Paul Eddery 11
6 -023 TIGULLIO 10 C Wall 8-9 G Hind 5
7 0-00 SPIRITO 21 (V) Lord Huntingdon 8-5 Dane O'Neill 1
8 6052 ZIGGY STARDUST 9 Mrs A J Bowlby 8-0 C Rutter 10
9 0-06 LADY FELIX 8 (V) S Mellor 7-13 J Quinn 12
10 6-40 OMAR'S ODYSSEY 114 (V) P Mitchell 7-11 Martin Dwyer 7
11 0342 MAGNI MOMENTI 9 J S Moore 7-11 N Adams 13
12 0-00 RHAPSODY IN BLUE 25 A Turnell 7-11 M Henry 8
13 00-0 ERIKA'S YOUNG MAN 146 (B) B Pearce 7-10 P Doe (5) 9

9-2 U K Magic, 5-1 Forest Fire, 11-2 Tigullio, 6-1 Cage Aux Folles, 7-1 Magni Momenti, 10-1 Ziggy Stardust, 12-1 Cromer Pier, Omar's Odyssey, 14-1 others.

9.10 ROYAL WINDSOR GRANDSTAND MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,903. 1m 67yd) (18)

1 0 BUMBLE BE 26 S Dow 9-0 D O'Donohoe 18
2 0-4 GRINKOV 12 H Morrison 9-0 C Rutter 14
3 3 HENRY HEALD 24 P Makin 9-0 D Griffiths (3) 5
4 0 IMPELLING 17 K Burke 9-0 D Sweeney 11
5 0 KPOLO 11 W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt 16
6 0 POLISH SPIRIT 28 B Millman 9-0 A Daly (3) 17
7 0 SARATOGA SAGA 18 M Jarvis 9-0 J Quinn 2
8 6- SHAVELING 230 Mrs J Cecil 9-0 Martin Dwyer 6
9 03 SULEYMAN 17 R Charlton 9-0 T Sprake 4
10 0-2 TEMERAIRE 23 Mrs A Perrett 9-0 R Hughes 10
11 60 TIME LOSS 23 H Candy 9-0 Pat Eddery 6
12 BENS GIFT C Wall 8-9 G Hind 13
13 4 DAPHNE'S DOLL 36 Miss G Kelleway 8-9 J Weaver 3
14 FLOWERS COVE M Blanshard 8-9 Dale Gibson 12
15 OPERA QUEEN E Dunlop 8-9 M Hills 9
16 ST HILARY J Banks 8-9 J Tate 8
17 STREAKER E Wheeler 8-9 D Biggs 1
18 2- TOTOM 233 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 J Reid 7

5-2 Temeraire, 5-1 Suleyman, 7-1 Daphne's Doll, Totom, 8-1 Shaveling, Time Loss, 16-1 Grinkov, Opera Queen, 20-1 others.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

6.25 Norcroft Joy. 6.55 Tuning. 7.25 Secret Haven. 7.55 Literary Society. 8.25 Cruinn A Bhord. 8.55 Iron Mountain.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH BEST SIS

6.25 HASSINGHAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,080: 1m 6f 17yd) (9 runners)

1 3311 CUT DIAMOND 19 (D,F,G) D Arbuthnot 9-7 S Whitworth 6
2 06-4 SHOHRA WA JAAH 17 M Jarvis 9-7 P Robinson 8
3 -005 ORSINO 31 S Dow 9-5 K Fallon 7
4 -021 NORCROFT JOY 11 (CD,G) M Ryan 8-9 A Clark 9
5 -004 TEREYNA 27 R Johnson Houghton 8-7 W Ryan 4
6 6-00 RUNAROUND 11 N Callaghan 8-5 A Mackay 5
7 4000 SWEET SERENATA 19 S C Williams 8-2 S Drowne 3
8 000- ON CALL 247 M Prescott 8-1 G Duffield 2
9 00-0 THUNDERING PAPOOSE 42 N Graham 7-10 N Varley 1

5-2 Norcroft Joy, 4-1 Cut Diamond, 5-1 Orsino, On Call, 11-2 Tereyna, 16-1 Shohra Wa Jaah, Runaround, Sweet Serenata, Thundering Papoose.

6.55 SALHOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,688: 1m 6f) (4) SKY

1 02 DREAM POWER 10 M Jarvis 9-0 P Robinson 1
2 0-3 KNIFE EDGE 12 M Stoute 9-0 F Lynch 4
3 05 HORIZONTAL 19 C Brittain 8-9 W Ryan 2
4 3-2 TUNING 17 (BF) H Cecil 8-9 K Fallon 3

8-11 Tuning, 11-4 Knife Edge, 7-2 Dream Power, 33-1 Horizontal.

7.25 SUTTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,900: 5f 43yd) (5) SKY

1 056 LIVNLETLIVE 11 C Dwyer 8-11 K Fallon 4
2 3 AVONDALE GIRL 14 C Dwyer 8-6 F Lynch 1
3 6 BEVELENA 14 P Evans 8-6 A Clark 5
4 3 DREAM ON ME 7 (BF) D Morris 8-6 S Drowne 3
5 545 SECRET HAVEN 7 B Meehan 8-6 G Hannon (7) 2

7-4 Avondale Girl, 3-1 Bevelena, 7-2 Dream On Me, 5-1 Secret Haven, 8-1 Livnletlive.

7.55 EBF HEMBLINGTON STAKES (£7,514: 6f 3yd) (6) SKY

1 02-1 LITERARY SOCIETY 23 (D,F,G) J Toller 5-9-7 S Sanders 2
2 0600 BACKHANDER 10 M Waring 5-9-4 F Lynch 5
3 -003 SYLVA PARADISE 23 (CD,F,S) C Brittain 5-9-4 L Dettori 6
4 -042 TAOISTE 9 (G) R Armstrong 5-9-4 R Price 3
5 050- CAERFILLY DANCER 366 (D,F) R Guest 4-9-1 D Harrison 1
6 4000 PATSY GRIMES 3 (C,D,F,G,S) J S Moore 8-9-1 P P Murphy (3) 4

11-10 Literary Society, 9-4 Sylva Paradise, 4-1 Taoiste, 12-1 Patsy Grimes, 15-1 Caerfilly Dancer, 50-1 Backhander.

8.25 LINGWOOD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,980: 1m 3yd) (11)

1 BLUEBELLE M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield 4
2 63 COME UP SMILING 24 E Dunlop 8-11 G Carter 1
3 5- CRUINN A BHORD 233 A Stewart 8-11 M Roberts 10
4 45 DISCRETION 11 S Gollings 8-11 K Fallon 5
5 0 GHOST PATH 11 C Brittain 8-11 W Ryan 11
6 0-6 JUNE BOUNTY 11 R Cowell 8-11 A Clark 3
7 KISSOGRAM L Cumani 8-11 R Ffrench 2
8 0 LADY OF LORIEN 30 B McMath 8-11 D Harrison 6
9 54 LA FIJA 11 H Akbary 8-11 S Sanders 8
10 00 LUISIANA LADY 16 B Hanbury 8-11 J Stack 7
11 4 QUEENS DAGGER 23 J Gosden 8-11 L Dettori 9

5-2 Queens Dagger, 7-2 Cruinn A Bhord, 4-1 Kissogram, 5-1 Come Up Smiling, 6-1 Bluebelle, 20-1 Ghost Path, La Fija, 25-1 others.

8.55 CARGATE GREEN HANDICAP (£3,948: 1m 2f 21yd) (11)

1 -053 FAMILY MAN 12 (F) J Fanshawe 5-10-0 D Harrison 5
2 0060 RAINBOW RAIN 14 (F) S Dow 4-9-6 M Roberts 10
3 0000 PUZZLEMENT 12 C Brittain 4-9-6 K Fallon 8
4 3233 SIMLET 9 (V) W Jarvis 3-9-5 L Dettori 4
5 00-5 ALRABYAH 17 P Walwyn 3-9-2 S Sanders 2
6 0-10 SLIP VENTURE 55 (D) S Woods 3-8-13 N Day 11
7 -055 MISSILE TOE 31 (F) D Morris 5-8-9 S Drowne 3
8 -206 SWEET PATOOPIE 43 B Hanbury 4-8-5 W Ryan 9
9 0052 IRON MOUNTAIN 7 N Callaghan 5-8-4 G Duffield 7
10 -005 FRITTON 26 (V) M Tompkins 3-7-12 A Mackay 6
11 50-0 MOONSHIFT 12 H Collingridge 4-7-10 R Ffrench 1

9-2 Iron Mountain, 5-1 Family Man, Slip Venture, 6-1 Simlet, 13-2 Sweet Patoopie, 8-1 Alrabyah, Missile Toe, 12-1 others.

MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

2.30 Pet Express Flyer. 3.00 Amber Jasmine. 3.30 Star Rage. 4.00 Sky Red. 4.30 Kilnamartyra Girl. 5.00 Baytham.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 LINLITHGOW NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,738: 7f 30yd) (4 runners)

1 (4) 312 PET EXPRESS FLYER 14 (G) P Haslam 8-13 J Weaver 80
2 (3) 00 KING PERI 67 N Tinkler 8-13 Kim Tinkler –
3 (1) 4110 BEVERLEY MONKEY 12 (BF,F,G) J Berry 8-11 P Bradley (7) 74
4 (2) 1053 IRISH CREAM 10 (S) P Evans 8-7 J F Egan 75

4-6 Pet Express Flyer, 3-1 Irish Cream, 4-1 Beverley Monkey, 20-1 King Peri.

3.00 CRAIGLEITH CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O £2,689 5f) (5)

1 (2) AMBER JASMINE P Haslam 9-7 J Weaver –
2 (4) 020 NORTHERN SVENGALI 5 T Barron 9-1 J Carroll 60
3 (3) 0261 MAMMAS F-C 10 (D) J Berry 8-4 P Fessey 75
4 (5) UNMASKED J Berry 8-4 N Carlisle –
5 (1) 162 FIVE WAYS FLYER 5 (V,D,G) P Evans 7-12 J F Egan 81

7-4 Mammas F-C, 5-2 Five Ways Flyer, 4-1 Northern Svengali, 6-1 Unmasked, 7-1 Amber Jasmine.

3.30 YVONNE MURRAY MBE HANDICAP (£3,435: 2m) (6)

1 (6) 1062 STAR RAGE 9 (BF,C,D,F,G) M Johnston 8-10-0 J Carroll 81
2 (5) 1351 NORTHERN MOTTO 23 (CD,F) J Goldie 5-8-10 K Darley 80
3 (2) 60-6 AUTUMN TIME 19 H Alexander 4-8-8 R Winston (5) 77
4 (3) 0022 HIGHFIELD FIZZ 7 (F,S) C Fairhurst 6-8-3 L Charnock 82
5 (4) 3330 OPERATIC 5 (V,D,F) P Evans 3-7-12 J F Egan 74
6 (1) 2000 SHAKIYR 14 (D) R Hollinshead 7-7-10 A McCarthy (3) 87

9-4 Star Rage, 5-2 Highfield Fizz, 3-1 Northern Motto, 11-2 Operatic, 8-1 Shakiyr, 33-1 Autumn Time.

4.00 HADDINGTON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,570: 5f) (4)

1 (1) 0005 NEWHARGEN 24 (V) M Quinn 9-0 F Norton 67
2 (4) 0402 ONE TO GO 17 J Berry 9-0 P Bradley (7) 64
3 (2) 4000 SNOWBALLS 11 (B) Miss L Perratt 9-0 J F Egan 79
4 (3) -360 SKY RED 35 M Bell 8-11 M Fenton 97

4-6 Sky Red, 2-1 One To Go, 10-1 Newhargen, 14-1 Snowballs.

4.30 ORMISTON HANDICAP (£2,584: 1m 4f) (8)

1 (1) 040- DISPOL GEM 18J (F,G) A Dicken 5-9-11 K Darley 70
2 (2) -330 PICCADILLY 14 T Etherington 3-9-2 J Weaver 82
3 (6) 5022 KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 7 (BF,CD,F,G,S) J Parkes 8-8-11 T Williams 75
4 (3) 00-4 MAJAL 23 (V,D,F) J Wainwright 9-8-7 J Carroll 70
5 (4) 0343 SING AND DANCE 2 (F) E Weymes 5-8-7 R Winston (5) 79
6 (8) 3-60 THISONESFORALICE 7 (C,F,S) J Goldie 10-8-4 J F Egan 64
7 (7) 0612 LUDERE 35 (CD,G) P Monteith 3-8-1 D Mernagh (7) 77
8 (5) 6560 MODEST HOPE 16 (D,F,S) Mrs S Lamyman 11-7-10 L Charnock 59

2-1 Kilnamartyra Girl, 5-2 Ludere, 7-2 Sing And Dance, 7-1 Piccadilly, 12-1 Dispol Gem, 14-1 Majal, 20-1 Thisonesforalice, 33-1 Modest Hope.

5.00 WALLYFORD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,668: 1m) (8)

1 (3) -000 MARSKE MACHINE 18 (B,G,S) N Tinkler 9-7 Kim Tinkler 57
2 (6) 6-61 SHOCKER 26 (D F) W Haggas 9-4 K Darley 74
3 (2) 305- UP THE CLARETS 219 J J O'Neill 9-3 W Supple 65
4 (4) 4020 BAYLHAM 17 J Goldie 8-13 J F Egan 83
5 (7) 0005 WHACKER-DO 7 R Hollinshead 8-13 J Carroll 75
6 (5) 00-0 MELODIAN 82 M Brittain 8-11 D Mernagh (7) 49
7 (1) 5045 PLEASANT DREAMS 11 D Smith 8-11 R Winston (5) 73
8 (8) -000 BENROCK 26 Mrs G Rees 8-4 F Norton 49

7-4 Shocker 4-1 Pleasant Dreams, 6-1 Baylham, 7-1 Up The Clarets, 10-1 others.

Blinkered first time

MUSSELBURGH: 3.00 Five Ways Flyer. 4.00 Newhargen, Snowballs. NOTTINGHAM: 2.15 Poppy Too. 3.15 Harmony Hall. WINDSOR: 8.10 Cloon Cree. 8.40 Erika's Young Man, Lady Felix, Spirito. YARMOUTH: 8.55 Simlet.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.15 Sky Mountain
2.45 Wealthy Star
3.15 Shaska
3.45 Brodessa
4.15 Time To Tango
4.45 Panzeer

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.15 SOVEREIGNS COURT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Mac's Dream. 2.45 CADETTE (nap). 4.45 Baltic Lowland.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 SERVO COMPUTER SERVICES SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,250: 1m 54yd) (18 runners)

101 (5) 2405644 SKY MOUNTAIN 7 (BF) (R Wheatley) S Bowring 9-7 K Fallon 53
102 (15) 40P6065 ELLA FALLS 31 (C Cockroft) Mrs J Craze 9-6 S Webster 64
103 (12) 000- MISSED DOMINO 264 (S Smith) Mrs A Swinbank 9-5 C Lowther 64
104 (13) -000056 SWOOSH 4 (Sports Mania) J Glover 9-5 S D Williams 61
105 (2) 040 MAC'S DREAM 18 (M McDonnell) J Noseda 9-3 G Carter 70
106 (10) 221040- ROSEWOOD LADY 247 (F) (M Charge) K Burke 9-3 N Callan (7) 85
107 (17) 0-00000 SUPACALIFRAGILISTIK 5 (J Fusenich) J Balding 9-2 J Edmunds 63
108 (7) 0040030 FROLICKING 10 (B) (Foley Steelstock) W G M Turner 9-1 D McGaffin (7) 72
109 (11) 6225003 SHARP MONKEY 46 (D) (J Teasdale) Mrs N Macauley 9-1 P McCabe 60
110 (3) 000-00 SADEEBAH 7 (J Abell) M Johnston 9-0 D Holland 61
111 (4) 3640000 FIGAWIN 55 (Mrs J Carrington) Mrs H Walton 8-13 A Culhane 66
112 (3) 50-0060 CHIKA SHAN 72 (V) (Jalecca Partnership) S Mellor 8-12 R Perham 58
113 (1) 0005-00 LOUBIN LANE 31 (G Harris) A Newcombe 9-12 J Reid 53
114 (6) 00-0 REPOSE 66 (Ms J McLeod) G Oldroyd 8-10 G Parkin 66
115 (16) 6454004 BIN FAA 27 (V) (Vibranon) Dr J Scargill 8-9 J Quinn 67
116 (18) 6000 POPPY TOO 9 (V) (T Cunningham) M Channon 8-9 A Mackay 58
117 (9) 06-0060 TOWNVILLE CEE CEE 7 (Townville C C Racing Club) J Wormington 8-8 L Newton 71
118 (14) 000-050 LAWFUL CONTRACT 27 (J Doxey) R Hollinshead 8-7 S Drowne 56

Long handicap: Loubin Lane 8-8.

BETTING: 9-2 Sky Mountain, 7-1 Ella Falls, Bin Faa, 8-1 Sharp Monkey, Sadeebah, 12-1 Swoosh, Rosewood Lady, Figawin, Loubin Lane, Poppy Too, 14-1 others.

1997: FLASHTALKIN' FLOOD 9-7 W Ryan (2-1 fav) C Dwyer 17 ran

FORM FOCUS Sky Mountain 3¾l 4th of 14 to *Margaret's Dancer in 3yo selling* stakes at Pontefract (1m 4yd, soft) with Townville Cee Cee (8lb better off) 33l 12th. Ella Falls 5½l 5th of 15 to Lucky Archer in apprentice maiden handicap at Nottingham (1m 54yd, firm) with Loubin Lane (3lb better off) 12l 13th. *Missed Domino 4¾l 7th of* 11 to Shamwari Song in 3yo maiden auction stakes at Newcastle (7f, good to firm) with Townville Cee Cee (14lb better off) 5½l 8th. Swoosh 8¼l 6th of 15 to Dark Menace in apprentice selling handicap at Southwell (7f, AW). Mac's Dream 20l last of 10 to Spanish Fern in 3yo maiden stakes at Haydock (7f 30yd, good). *Rosewood Lady 24l 8th of 11 to* Pink Ticket in 2yo fillies selling stakes at Wolverhampton (1m 100yd, AW). Supacalifragilistik 25l 12th of 14 to Lady Rockstar *in fillies handicap at Nottingham (1m 54yd, good to soft).* Frolicking 15l 8th of 12 to King Of The River in 3yo claiming stakes at Chepstow (7f 16yd, good to soft). Sharp Monkey *8¼l 3rd of 8 to Killarney Jazz* in 3yo claiming stakes at Southwell (1m, AW). Sadeebah 10l 9th of 18 to Freckles in 3yo maiden handicap at Brighton (6f 209yd, good). Chika Shan 23l 8th of 9 to Bongo in selling stakes at Wolverhampton (1m 100yd, AW). Bin Faa 4l 4th of 12 to Nouveau Cheval in claiming stakes at Leicester (1m 8yd, good) *with Lawful Contract (4lb better off) 28l 10th.*

SKY MOUNTAIN can come out best in a poor contest

2.45 NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST MAIDEN STAKES (£4,468. 1m 54yd) (11 runners)

201 (5) REGIUS (J Purcell) Mrs S Lamyman 4-9-7 C Teague (3) –
202 (1) 22/053- STURGEON 322 (J Cleeve) K Morgan 4-9-7 Dean McKeown 76
203 (8) 06 THE GRADUATE 14 (Miss L Robertson) J Toller 4-9-7 S Sanders 69
204 (10) 00 BOLD SARAH 38 (J Smyth) R Hollinshead 4-9-2 A Culhane 43
205 (7) 5-530 ABUSAMRAH 9 (H al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-11 R Hills 75
206 (11) CADETTE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-11 L Dettori –
207 (6) 6 WEALTHY STAR 23 (A Ali) B Hanbury 3-8-11 K Fallon 86
208 (9) 05 ASHLEIGH BAKER 12 (David James Partnership) A Bailey 3-8-6 J Bosley (7) 59
209 (2) 0-0 JUST DESERTS 13 (D Gibson) P Makin 3-8-6 M Roberts 43
210 (3) 00 MY HEARTS DESIRE 10 (G Hicks) D Haydn Jones 3-8-6 S Drowne 56
211 (4) 0- SQUABBLE 241 (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-6 J Reid 39

BETTING: 4-6 Cadette, 4-1 Abusamrah, 8-1 Just Deserts, 10-1 Sturgeon, Wealthy Star 33-1 others.

1997: MITHALI 4-9-7 R Hills (5-1) B Hills 10 ran

FORM FOCUS Sturgeon 4¾l 3rd of 15 to Fantastic Flame in maiden stakes at Windsor (1m 2f 7yd, *good). The Graduate* 24l last of 6 to Green Card in stakes at Nottingham (1m 54yd, good to firm). Bold Sarah 22l 14th of 19 to Nuclear Debate in maiden stakes at Thirsk (6f, good). Abusamrah 15l 7th of 10 to Radar in handicap at Sandown (1m 1f, good to soft). Cadette Arazi colt, half-brother to winners Teshami and Ginger Tree. *Wealthy Star 12l 6th of 12* to Spindrift in 3yo maiden *stakes at Beverley (7f* 1m, good to firm). Ashleigh Baker 8¾l 5th of 15 to Dushanbe in maiden stakes at Salisbury (1m, good to 100yd, good). *Just Deserts 7½l 7th* of 14 to Kariyh in maiden stakes at Sandown *(1m 2f, good to* soft). My Hearts Desire 27l 14th of 15 to Dark Shell in maiden stakes at Newbury (6f, good soft). Squabble *8¾l 7th of 24* to Mister Rambo in maiden stakes at Newbury (6f, good soft).

WEALTHY STAR showed promise on his debut at Newmarket and should improve

3.15 49'S SUN CHEMICAL HANDICAP [SHOWCASE RACE] (£7,458: 1m 1f 213yd) (14 runners)

301 (13) 510-633 CAPTAIN SCOTT 28 (BF,D,F) (Wine Stars Partnership) J Glover 4-10-0 J Fortune 94
302 (3) 612- SHASKA 277 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-13 L Dettori 85
303 (4) 0224124 PREMIER GENERATION 18 (D,F,S) (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 5-9-11 S Whitworth 92
304 (7) 50-5544 WARR 19 (D,G,S) (K MacPherson) P Calver 6-9-11 Darren Moffatt (3) 97
305 (6) 0-66161 BEND WAVY 6 (F,G,S) (A McDonald) T Caldwell 6-9-10 (6ex) N Pollard (7) 89
306 (11) 411-532 SOVEREIGNS COURT 11 (BF,CD,G,S) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 5-9-7 M Roberts 101
307 (12) /5230-0 NATURAL EIGHT 10 (Mrs M Say) R Armstrong 4-9-7 G Carter 75
308 (1) 312644- FLORENTINO 124J (D,F,G) (D Ashbrook) Mrs V Ward 5-9-0 J Reid 84
309 (5) 5-42211 SALIGO 21 (D,F) (Beach Club) H Morrison 3-8-11 C Rutter 99
310 (14) 2300-24 HARMONY HALL 39 (V,BF) (R Tooth) J Fanshawe 4-8-10 D Harrison 84
311 (2) 31250-0 CHEROKEE FLIGHT 14 (C,F) (Silver Knight Ltd) S Mellor 4-8-10 J Quinn 84
312 (10) 61-0 ELIZA ACTON 67 (BF,C,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3-8-9 C Lowther 93
313 (8) 005/000 SHARPEST 14 (C Pasquale) J S Moore 4-7-12 M Henry 76
314 (9) 5006004 AFRICAN SUN 4 (R Fletcher) M Chapman 5-7-10 Declan O'Shea 71

BETTING: 9-2 Shaska, 5-1 Captain Scott, 11-2 Premier Generation, 6-1 Sovereigns Court, 7-1 Saligo, 8-1 Harmony Hall, 10-1 Eliza Acton, Warr, 12-1 Bend Wavy, 25-1 Cherokee Flight, Florentino, 33-1 others.

1997: TONNERRE 5-9-4 L Newton (16-1) B McMahon 16 ran

FORM FOCUS Captain Scott 4¾l 3rd of 8 to Shadool in handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm) with Wafir (1lb better off) 4¾l 4th. Shaska neck 2nd of 17 to Arriving in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f 6yd, good to firm). Premier Generation 3l 4th of 11 to Emerald Heights in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good). *Wafir 5¼l 4th of 9 to McGillycuddy Reeks in handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f 32yd, good).* Bend Wavy beat Polar Champ 1¼l in 7-runner handicap at Thirsk (1m 4f, soft). Sovereigns Court ½l 2nd of 9 to Bold Faith in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, heavy). Natural Eight 16l 7th of 8 to Cugina in handicap at Sandown (1m 2f good to soft). Florentino 24¼l 4th of 13 to Fahs in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f 21yd, good). Saligo beat Clanty ¾l in 17-runner 3yo handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, firm). Harmony Hall 3½l 4th of 15 to Veronica Franco in handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, firm). Eliza Acton 14l last of 11 to Nautical Star in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, soft).

CAPTAIN SCOTT looks to have this in the bag on Redcar running

3.45 HARLAND SIMON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,406: 2m 9yd) (9 runners)

401 (1) 1400-00 TANGO KING 14 (C,S) (A Pearman) J Pearman 4-9-3 R Studholme (5) 66
402 (3) 200104 KIPPANOUR 10 (F) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 6-8-11 K Moore (7) 49
403 (9) MILL BAY SAM 38J (D Robbins) R Dickin 7-8-11 P Mundy (7) –
404 (2) 0050-50 PARDAN 44J (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 4-8-11 T Sprake 55
405 (4) 215-11 GOOD HAND 17 (D,F,G,S) (Uncle Jacks Pub) S Kettlewell 12-8-8 J Fortune 73
406 (7) 60-5000 ACROSS THE WATER 19 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-6 C Lowther 68
407 (5) 45 BOSOM PAL 10 (Triumph International Ltd) N Smith 4-8-6 J Bramhill 58
408 (6) 210-522 BRODESSA 17 (CD,F,S) (M Reveley RC) Mrs M Reveley 12-8-5 A Culhane 59
409 (8) /000/0- CHAMPAGNE GOLD 88J (F,G,S) (J McCormachie) J McCormachie 11-8-2 S Drowne –

BETTING: 4-5 Good Hand, 5-2 Brodessa, 12-1 Pardan, 14-1 Tango King, Across The Water, 16-1 Kippanour, 25-1 Bosom Pal, 33-1 others.

1997: BRODESSA 11-8-5 A McGlone (3-1) Mrs M Reveley 10 ran

FORM FOCUS Tango King 32l 17th of 18 to Sadler's Blaze in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f 15yd, good to firm). Kippanour 17l 4th of 10 to Errant in selling stakes at Southwell *(1m 3f, AW). Pardan 15l 5th* of 11 to U-No-Harry in selling stakes at Southwell (7f, AW). Good Hand beat Brodessa (3lb worse off) 1¾l in 10-runner claiming stakes at Catterick (1m 5f 175yd, good to soft). Across The Water 23l 10th of 14 to Cut Diamond in handicap at Folkestone (2m 93yd, good). Bosom Pal 34l 5th of 9 to Mamleno in claiming stakes at Southwell (1m 6f, AW).

BRODESSA can gain a deserved success

4.15 MILES 33 HANDICAP (£3,036 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

501 (9) 3450504 DENBRAE 16 (CD,F G) (Cardinal Racing) D Murray Smith 6-9-13 C Lowther 68
502 (16) 5202513 LOBUCHE 4 (BF,D S) (E Waring) M Chapman 3-9-12 D Harrison 75
503 (4) 0320601 ELTON LEDGER 4 (D,F) (Posse) Mrs N Macauley 9-9-11 (6ex) P McCabe 54
504 (17) 60/000- SKYERS TRYER 196 (F) (M Lyons) B Baugh 4-9-8 R Perham 49
505 (2) 000-062 TIME TO TANGO 16 (F) (Mrs D Pearson) G M Moore 5-9-8 D Holland 67
506 (5) 304-030 SUPERBIT 18 (CD,F,G,S) (N Smith) B McMahon 6-9-7 L Newton 75
507 (11) 0360-05 DOUBLE MATT 19 (D,F) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 6-9-5 A Culhane 54
508 (5) 1006-05 ARCHELLO 12 (F) (E Gale) G Oldroyd 4-9-5 G Parkin 73
509 (8) 000-034 MEZZORAMIO 11 (V,F) (T Fryke) K Morgan 6-9-3 K Fallon 80
510 (19) 3-06005 KING UNO 7 (V,D,G,S) (J A M Leeson) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-3 J Fortune 76
511 (15) 03-0500 BATALEUR 7 (D S) (M Worth) G Woodward 5-9-3 G Carter 64
512 (20) 3406302 STATOYORK 11 (F) (J Freswell) D Shaw 5-9-3 R Mullen (3) 74
513 (14) 6006062 NAPOLEON STAR 19 (V D,F) (Miss J Craze) Miss J Craze 7-9-2 S Webster 74
514 (7) 50-40 LILANITA 12 (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 3-9-1 T Sprake 59
515 (10) 5340-40 ABTAAL 13 (F G) (P Stanet) R Hodges 8-9-1 J Quinn 53
516 (15) 4055-04 MISS PEREGRINE 10 (A Craddock) N Babbage 3-9-1 J Reid 58
517 (1) -215301 BLUSHING GRENADIER 19 (B,D,G) (P Wheatley) S Bowring 6-9-1 C Teague (3) 65
518 (6) 00220-0 COURTNEY GYM 12 (P Saunders) P Burgoyne 3-9-0 L Denton 54
519 (3) 104-000 TAKE A RISK 14 (F) (P McMahon) A Newcombe 3-8-13 S Drowne 65
520 (12) 1043106 ICE AGE 4 (B D,F) (H Ormesher) R Williams 4-8-12 D Biggs 59

BETTING: 5-1 King Uno 6-1 Statoyork, 8-1 Lobuche, Mezzoramio, 10-1 Elton Ledger, Time To Tango, 12-1 Denbrae, Napoleon Star 14-1 others.

1997: SUPERBIT 5-10-0 L Newton (12-1) B McMahon 20 ran

FORM FOCUS Denbrae 1½l 4th of 20 to Topton in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good). Elton Ledger beat Inflation 3½l in 6-runner stakes at Southwell (6f, AW) with Lobuche (8lb worse off) 4¾l 3rd and Ice Age (16lb better off) 11l last. *Time To Tango sh hd 2nd of 10 to Dominelle in fillies handicap at* Doncaster (6f, good). Superbit 12l 10th of 11 to Gay Breeze in handicap at Haydock (5f, good). *Double Matt 3¾l 5th of 10 to Palacegate Touch in claiming stakes at Warwick (6f, good).* Archello 7¾l 5th of 16 to Royal Dream in handicap at Beverley (5f, good). Mezzoramio 4½l 4th of 11 to Lobuche (9lb worse off) in handicap at Yarmouth (6f, soft) with Elton Ledger (4lb worse off) 5¾l 7th. King Uno 6¼l 5th of 12 to Bowlers Boy in handicap at Pontefract (6f, soft) with Bataleur (levels) 24l 7th. Statoyork ¾l 2nd of 17 to Storyteller in apprentice handicap at Carlisle (5f, good to soft). Napoleon Star 5l 2nd of 7 to *Polly Golightly in handicap at Chester (5f 16yd, good).* Lilanita 12l 9th of 20 to Lady Mill in handicap at Salisbury (6f 212yd, good to soft) with Courtney Gym (1lb worse off) 25l 16th. *Miss Peregrine 4¾l 4th of 15 to Grace in maiden handicap at Chepstow* (6f, good to soft). Blushing Grenadier beat Mustn't Grumble 3l in claiming stakes at Warwick (6f, good).

SUPERBIT, badly drawn last time, can repeat last year's win in this race

4.45 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,013: 6f 15yd) (10 runners)

601 (4) BALTIC LOWLAND (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0 L Dettori –
602 (2) 0 HIGH CLARITY 12 (C Sumner) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 A McGlone –
603 (9) 0 HIGH ESTEEM 16 (C Buckley) M A Buckley 9-0 A Culhane –
604 (2) 64 INGENIOUS 35 (Noodle Racing) W Jarvis 9-0 J Reid 73
605 (1) NEVER CAN TELL (J Dach) J FitzGerald 9-0 J Fortune –
606 (7) PANZEER (Umm Qarn Racing) L Cumani 9-0 R Ffrench –
607 (3) ALEGRIA (J Smith) J Eustace 8-9 J Tate –
608 (6) CATCH BALL (Heath & Co Ltd) T Watson 8-9 Dean McKeown –
609 (5) 6 DIM OFAN 13 (Mrs D Hughes) B Palling 8-9 C Lowther –
610 (10) HALLOA (T & J Vestey) J Fanshawe 8-9 D Harrison –

BETTING: 4-5 Baltic Lowland, 4-1 Panzeer, 7-1 Ingenious, 10-1 Halloa, 14-1 Alegria, 20-1 others.

1997: ANITA AT DAWN 8-9 T Sprake (20-1) B Palling 10 ran

FORM FOCUS Baltic Lowland Gone West colt out of 6f winner Polish Style. High Clarity 31l 11th of 15 to Tough Guy in maiden auction stakes at [illegible]hampton (6f, soft). High Esteem 12l 9th of 11 to Shining Desert in *maiden stakes at Haydock (5f, good).* Ingenious 5¼l 4th of 15 to Doctor Spin in maiden stakes at Windsor (5f 10yd, good to firm). Never Can Tell Emarati colt out of winning stayer Farmer's Pet. Panzeer Arazi colt out of Pushy. Half brother to top class juvenile Myself. Alegria Night Shift filly out of High Habit. Dim Ofan 3l 6th of 13 to Moore Lass in maiden stakes at Salisbury (6f, good to soft). Halloa Wolfhound filly out of Fairy Fortune. Half-sister to 5f winner Fairy Domino.

INGENIOUS is best of those with experience but is vulnerable to a newcomer

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs since win	Level stakes
J Berry	61	48	35	2	+25.95
H Cecil	43	21	21	3	+3.48
R Hannon	42	42	36	9	-113.81
J Eyre	35	27	28	2	-52.46
M Johnston	34	41	24	2	-29.55
J Dunlop	33	35	21	2	-49.24
M Stoute	32	21	15	3	+16.26
M Channon	27	26	25	5	-73.78
P Haslam	26	22	21	12	+4.42
B Hills	26	34	24	2	-52.86
P Cole	23	31	20	3	-60.71
D Loder	22	15	4	2	+21.60
K Burke	22	21	20	17	-35.82

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing mounts	Level stakes
K Fallon	81	57	59	1	-44.31
D Holland	67	48	34	14	+75.18
C Lowther	49	34	29	5	+47.06
A McCarthy	45	55	54	29	-121.59
T Quinn	43	39	35	12	-31.01
J Reid	37	21	34	6	-40.86
W R Swinburn	36	20	20	13	+3.67
L Dettori	36	34	22	1	-64.46
L Charnock	36	34	38	0	-125.23
W Ryan	35	32	34	0	-75.99
D Sweeney	35	29	29	3	+20.63
A Culhane	35	27	22	11	-37.64
Pat Eddery	35	37	22	8	-86.92

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Musselburgh

TRAINERS: M Bell, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%. J Parkes, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Berry, 39 from 168, 23.2%. T Barron, *10 from 44, 22.7%, T Etherington,* 6 from 27, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: R Winston, 8 winners from 34 rides, 23.5%. K Darley, 38 from 167, 22.8%; M Fenton, 5 from 24, 20.8%. J Weaver, 22 from 115, 19.1%; J Egan, 11 from 65, 16.9%.

Windsor

TRAINERS: E Dunlop, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; M Jarvis, 5 from 21, 23.8%; R Armstrong, 3 from 13, 23.1%; Mrs J Cecil, 4 from 19, 21.1%; H Candy, 7 from 42, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 33 winners from 185 rides, 17.8%. J Reid, 28 from 162, 17.3%, Martin Dwyer, 13 from 78, 16.7%; D Holland, 8 from 66, 12.1%.

Yarmouth

TRAINERS: D Arbuthnot, 3 winners from 12 runners, 25.0%. J Toller, 6 from 24, 25.0%, P Evans, 6 from 25, 24.0%; H Cecil, 21 from 92, 22.8%. E Dunlop, 6 from 29, 20.7%. L Cumani, 12 from 61, 19.7%.

JOCKEYS: P P Murphy, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%. L Dettori, 29 from 122, 23.8%. A Clark, 6 from 35, 17.1%; J Stack, 7 from 41, 17.1%; K Fallon, 10 from 60, 16.7%. M Roberts, 15 from 97, 15.5%.

NOTTINGHAM SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 5 winners from 22 runners, 22.7%, N Babbage, 3 from 16, 18.8%. J Fanshawe, 9 from 48 18.8%, A Bailey, 3 from 18, 16.7%, J Gosden, 7 from 42, 16.7%; R Armstrong, 4 from 25, 16.0%. W Jarvis, 6 from 38, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: K Fallon, 29 winners from 163 rides, 17.8%; L Dettori, 17 from 100, 17.0%, R Hills, 15 from 88, 17.0%, J Reid, 15 from 95, 15.8%. D Holland, 3 from 64, 14.1%; R Mullen, 5 from 38, 13.2%; W J O'Connor, 4 from 31, 12.9%. D Harrison, 12 from 96, 12.5%.

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RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: good to soft

2.00 (1m) 1, Fizzed (M Hills, 10-1); 2, Equity Princess (13-2); 3, Final Tango (100-30 fav). 12 ran. NR Aloha Dancer. ¾l, 1¾l. M Johnston. Tote £12.60; £2.90, £2.40, £1.50 DF £23.70 Trio £32.10 CSF £63.32 Tricast £241.00

2.30 (5f) 1, Night Shot (Martin Dwyer, 7-1); 2, Jay Gee (33-1); 3, Iris May (8-1); 4, Compradore (33-1). Torrent 9-2 fav 16 ran. Sh hd, 1l. I Balding. Tote £8.10; £2.20, £5.50, £2.10, £10.10 DF £284.30 Trio £1,744.00. CSF £214.56. Tricast £1,758.84

3.00 (1m 4f) 1, Dark Moondancer (M J Kinane, 4-1); 2, Mowbray (3-1 fav); 3, Kahtan (9-2). 6 ran. ¾l, nk. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote £3.40; £1.80, £1.90. DF £4.30. CSF £13.96.

3.35 (1m 2f) 1, Another Time (M J Kinane, 13-1); 2, Winter Romance (12-1); 3, Mowelga (13-2); 4, Tough Leader (6-1 jt-fav). Flint Knapper 6-1 jt-fav 16 ran. Hd, 1¾l. S Woods. Tote £21.00; £4.20, £2.60, £2.00, £1.80. DF £122.70 Trio £263.00 CSF: £135.84 Tricast £943.81

4.10 (1m) 1, Rachaels North (L Dettori, 11-2); 2, The Sandfly (100-30 fav); 3, Raffaello (7-2). 6 ran. Sh hd, hd. R Armstrong. Tote £4.50; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £7.40 CSF £20.37

4.40 (6f) 1, Spirit Willing (K Fallon, 7-2 fav); 2, Penmayne (50-1); 3, Sakha (8-1). 10 ran. 7l, nk. D Loder. Tote £4.00; £1.80, £7.90, £3.20. DF £265.10 Trio £183.80. CSF £147.47

5.10 (2m 45yd) 1, Bridie's Pride (J Fowle, 20-1); 2, Bowcliffe Court (12-1); 3, St Enodoc (5-2 fav). 14 ran. ¾l, 2½l. G Ham. Tote: £36.80; £6.80, £3.70, £1.70 DF £131.00. Trio £201.00 CSF £209.08. Tricast £745.96

Jackpot: £275,690.30.

Placepot: £75.00. Quadpot: £12.90.

Ayr

Going: good to firm

2.20 1, First Musical (2-1); 2, Get Stuck In (50-1); 3, Henry Hall (13-2). Angie Baby 6-4 fav 6 ran

2.55 1, Silvering (15-2); 2, Smokey From Caplaw (100-30); 3, Sallo (7-4 fav) 7 ran.

3.30 1, Gold Rush (7-4 fav); 2, High Regard (7-2); 3, Pridaway (10-1) 7 ran.

4.00 1, Top Cees (11-10 fav); 2, Motet (7-4); 3, Forgie (7-2) 4 ran.

4.30 1, Eastern Lyric (7-1); 2, Jackerin (9-1); 3, Grand Estate (10-11 fav) 6 ran

5.00 1, Vanadium Ore (3-1 fav); 2, Superpride (13-2); 3, Sing And Dance (7-1) 13 ran. NR Desire's Gold, Phimosi

Redcar

Going: good to soft, soft in places

2.10 1, Fizzy Whizzy (14-1); 2, The Donk (7-1); 3, Lisala (9-2). Crash Call Lady 7-2 fav 10 ran

2.40 1, Ringside Jack (20-1); 2, Carimel Park (evens fav); 3, Foreign Editor (6-1) 7 ran

3.15 1, Durham Flyer (5-1); 2, King Of Dance (16-1); 3, Aborkeen (20-1) Elljanah 4-7 fav 8 ran

3.45 1, Somayda (11-10 fav); 2, Mundo Raro (9-1); 3, Ballykeale (16-1) 8 ran. NR. Moving Princess.

4.15 1, Bee Health Boy (6-1); 2, Young Bigwig (5-1); 3, Bowlers Boy (4-1 fav) 8 ran.

4.45 1, Barren Lands (6-4 fav); 2, Quiz Master (7-1); 3, Mamma's Boy (2-1) 6 ran

5.20 1, Polar Refrain (7-2); 2, Ikis Girl (14-1); 3, Dancing Em (3-1 fav) 8 ran

Newton Abbot

Going: good to firm

2.45 1, Venetian Scene (5-2); 2, Ellamine (11-2); 3, Alzaro (4-6 fav) 5 ran

3.20 1, China Gem (10-1); 2, Stormhill Stag (7-4); 3, Kinsford Rose (evens fav) 11 ran. NR. Sir Galeforce

3.50 1, Winter Breeze (10-1); 2, Jimmy's Cross (5-4 fav); 3, The Flying Doctor (9-4) 9 ran. NR. If You Say So

4.20 1, Racing Hawk (7-1); 2, Miss Souter (20-1); 3, Docklands Courier (33-1); 4, Hanging Grove (14-1). Va Utu 11-4 fav 17 ran. NR. Hutlo Mary Dot

4.50 1, Mr Bean (11-4); 2, Ketchican (3-1); 3, Halham Tarn (25-1) Waytarers Way 5-2 fav. 7 ran. NR. Beaufan.

5.25 1, Master Millfield (14-1); 2, Hazaaf (5-2 fav); 3, Suga Hawk (8-1) 12 ran.

Lingfield Park

Going: good (turf course), standard (AW)

6.40 1, Admirals Secret (7-2); 2, Fourdaned (40-1); 3, Durham (14-1); 4, Bellas Gate Boy (5-1) Talib 11-4 fav. 16 ran.

7.10 1, Cashiki (7-1); 2, Lament (3-1); 3, Done And Dusted (6-4 fav). 9 ran.

7.40 1, Berranak (13-8 fav); 2, Beau Venture (14-1); 3, High Domain (25-1) 15 ran

8.10 1, Acid Test (10-1); 2, Morgan Le Fay (12-1); 3, Da Boss (4-1) Empirical 15-8 fav. 9 ran. NR. Magic Powers.

8.40 1, With A Will (13-2); 2, Hawksbill Henry (3-1 fav); 3, Mendoza (14-1) 13 ran. NR Shahik.

9.10 1, Special Person (11-4 fav); 2, Bank On Him (3-1); 3, Falkenberg (20-1). 10 ran. NR: Argumentative.

Southwell

Going: good (good to soft in places)

6.20 1, Elpidos (100-30); 2, I'm A Dreamer (8-1); 3, Influence Pedler (2-1 fav) 12 ran

6.50 1, Southerncrosspatch (2-1 fav); 2, Uron V (13-2); 3, Nova Champ (9-1) 13 ran NR Stracrack, Dawn Lad, Some Day Soon.

7.20 1, Royal Barge (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Myosotis (20-1); 3, Viprano (9-2) Sharp Command 3-1 jt-fav 11 ran

7.50 1, Prizefighter (8-1); 2, More Dash Thancash (7-2 fav); 3, Non Vintage (11-1) 10 ran

8.20 1, Reeta's Mill (6-1); 2, Monticello (6-1); 3, Select Star (11-2) Rinus Major 4-1 fav 14 ran

8.50 1, Mr Montague (7-4 jt-fav); 2, Eastern Project (7-4 jt-fav); 3 Craigie Boy (12-1). 12 ran

9.20 1, Mr Cool (100-30 fav); 2, Chief Wardance (6-1); 3, Top Designer (8-1) 12 ran. NR Chordy, Name Your Game

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

7.00 1, Desert Invader (7-1); 2, Pharaoh's Joy (9-1); 3, The Wyandotte Inn (16-1) Press Ahead 7-2 fav 12 ran NR: Lancashire Legend

7.30 1, Other Club (7-1); 2, Lady Eil (16-1); 3, Bongo (13-8 fav). 11 ran. NR Healthyards Sheik, Tiu.

8.00 1, Nominator Lad (9-1); 2, Suerbach (5-1); 3, Zimin (2-1) First Consul 6-4 fav 5 ran. NR: Cheerful Groom.

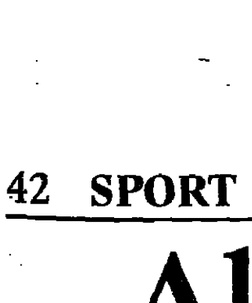
8.30 1, El Ghaazee (5-2 fav); 2, Saxon Victory (10-1); 3, The Imposter (25-1) 10 ran. NR Averham Star, River Frontier

9.00 1, Miss Take (9-1); 2, Super Smiles (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Hi-Jenny (11-4 jt-fav) 6 ran

9.30 1, Shanghai Lil (6-1); 2, Law Dancer (11-4 fav); 3, Premier Dance (8-1) 9 ran NR. Palacegate Jo, Welcome Lu

All ages, all abilities, all comers

Few running events have earned such fondness as the Chase Corporate Challenge. John Goodbody reports





KPMG team members, including Roger Oldfield (far right), the 1997 winner in the chief executive officers category, in training south of Blackfriars Bridge, London, for the Chase Corporate Challenge run

There are many annual running festivals in Britain. There is the London Marathon and the Great North Run and races ranging in quality from the national cross-country championships to local jogging events for charity.

Few, however, have generated such fondness, in spectators and participants alike, as the Chase Corporate Challenge Run. As Roger Oldfield, the 1997 men's winner in the chief executive officers category, says: "It is just like a great Christmas party — but with exercise."

International athletes and also-rans, keep-fit fanatics and unambitious joggers will all be taking part in the event on Thursday, July 9, in the delightful surroundings of Battersea Park on the banks of the Thames in London. Last year 11,000 people entered the 3.5-mile race as members of teams representing more than 450 UK-based companies.

The men's event may have been won by an international, Matt Barnes of Barclays Bank, but behind him came a tide of runners, male and female, young and old.

It is already the third largest road race in Britain and the number of entries this year is expected to be even higher. The leading competitors and teams on July 9 will go forward to the international championship in New York in October when 16 other cities in the United States, as well as Frankfurt, Germany, will be represented.

The standard in London will probably once again be the highest of the 18. In the New York championship last year Britain won the men's and mixed team titles and was placed third in the women's category. Nick Wetheridge (NatWest) also finished first in the individual men's race.

The most pleasing aspect of the Battersea Park event, however, is the variety of the abilities of those who take part. Some entrants will be trying to keep up with their colleagues at work, while a few will be content just to finish the 3.5-mile course without dropping to a walk.

The idea of the Corporate Challenge began in 1977 in New York where the late Fred Lebow, the man who popularised the New York Marathon, persuaded Charles McCabe from Manufacturers Hanover Trust to support a race in Central Park. The length of the course was decided in a novel way. Lebow measured the walk they had while discussing the project. It was 3.5 miles and this has since been the standard distance.

It has proved sufficiently long to challenge but not intimidate the casual jogger and to allow the team captains of companies to persuade their colleagues to take part. As Mr Oldfield, the UK head of Corporate Recovery for KPMG, the firm of accountants and business advisers, says: "There are very few occasions when so many employees can be together like this and then have a few beers afterwards. The atmosphere is excellent."

After the race Battersea Park becomes a gigantic garden party, with many companies, such as KPMG, having marquees to which they invite clients and friends to enjoy the revelry. KPMG will have about 100 runners in the event with scores of supporters.

Mr Oldfield says: "I am surprised that so many people are joining in on a regular basis. However, the excitement does become infectious and it is just a case of bringing all the enthusiasts together on a summer's evening."

Mr Oldfield, 50, nearly did not run last year because he knew he had to go to Edinburgh on business the following morning. "I didn't expect to win and I'll be amazed if I win again this year."

He has had spells of concentrated running ever since he left Whitgift School in Croydon, where he was captain of the cross-country team. But family and work prevented him from training more often than once a week for many years. A place in the New York marathon in 1995 inspired one intense spell of exercise and he finished in three hours 47 minutes. The following September, in the Great North Run, he did the half marathon in 1 hour 28 minutes. "Although I had to be carried up the finishing funnel, that proved to me that I could have run the marathon faster. I said to myself: 'Point made, Oldfield'."

Since then he has reverted to less intense regular exercise. "I find the benefit of running is mental as well as physical. It gives you that edge at work and a run after a hard day in the office cleanses your mind."

Mr Oldfield will be accompanied in the hectic dash round the park next month by members of the KPMG team, which finished third in the mixed team competition last year. However, he will also be thinking about Ruth James, aged 55, a manager in the receivership team.

He says: "She had never previously taken any exercise in her adult life but she has really enjoyed training for the event. She'll get there and remember the experience."

COMPANY GOLF DAYS RESULTS

The four top scorers in the individual Stableford competitions played on the company golf days listed below now comprise the company team eligible to qualify for a regional final.

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Date	Company name	Venue	Adjusted Score
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28 MAY	MEESPIERSON SECURITIES UK P RACHNE 29 *M NEHAL 25 N ATHERE 21 *S MCGOVERN 20	HILL RIDE	117
29 MAY	EIC INSURANCE SERVICES R PLUMB 25 P SCOTT 42 D ROSS 36 P HOWER 37	MENTMORE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	146
1 JUN	RICHARDSONS INTERIORS B HARRISON 34 R CLARKE 29 *P TULLY 39 *L CLARKE 45	ORMEAU	139
3 JUN	SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN R EDWARDS 29 *S JANE 34 *J NICHOLLS 33 *T STANSFIELD 38	WORPLESDON	118
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4 JUN	HUGH JAMES SOLICITORS D ROBERTS 32 *J SMITH 36 *R JONES 38 *A INGRAM 36	WHITCHURCH	144
4 JUN	LAWRENCE GRAHAM M GOWAN 37 D BARNES 32 *S CAMPBELL 29 *S THOMAS 36	RAC COUNTRY CLUB	136
4 JUN	SG E PIDGELL 35 I DOWNES 34 *A WILLEIGH 33 *D TURNER 33	ST GEORGE'S HILL	135
4 JUN	TAYLOR WOODROW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LTD D FLINT 36 M WARSTON 35 P JARVIS 34 P COFFEY 34	BIRCHWOOD PARK	137
4 JUN	THREADNEEDLE ASSET MANAGEMENT M BOWLES 31 *P MANDUCA 32 *J DYER 36 *A COOPER 31	EAST BERKSHIRE	127
4 JUN	TOLLIT & HARVEY N TOLLIT 33 T ARTHUR 34 C THOMPSETT 33 A BARADO 32	WOODHALL SPA	128
5 JUN	AKZO NOBEL C ASHDOWN 38 J BURY 36 I PRIEST 37 B HUMPHREY 36	NORTHAMPTON	147
5 JUN	KPMG A BRENAN 35 *A SMITH 37 *P BENSHAW 32 *P CHAFFIN 32	MANNINGS HEATH	128
5 JUN	MIDWEST COMPUTER CONSULTANTS LTD G DENE 31 *A CORFIELD 41 *J ROOD 48 *A PRIDAY 36	KINGTON	142
5 JUN	OSBORNE MORRIS AND MORGAN P MORGAN 33 *J TABBOT 41 *P JACKSON 36 *T RUSSELL 35	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	137
5 JUN	SEA CONTAINERS SERVICES S ROGERS 28 *S TURNER 29 R MYLES 25 S MALLEY 28	LEATHERHEAD	100
6 JUN	SIMPSONS MALT LTD I GOSHAWK 38 *M MIYAMOTO 36 *A GRANT 35 M EDEN 34	PITLOCHRY	145
8 JUN	STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS J WARD 32 *R TAIT 32 *D FORREST 29 *M MURRAY 29	DUKE'S DENE	114
9 JUN	ROSS HALL HOSPITAL J CROWTHER 38 J MORRICE 37 S HAWTHORN 36 A FERN 35	POLLOK	143

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COMPANIES can enter an unlimited number of runners at all levels of ability. Competitors note their own times at the finish and then give the results to their company captain. These are then checked with the times recorded on the closed-circuit television. Any team falsifying their times is disqualified. The company captains then study the running times of their entrants and decide which runners will represent which company team.

There are five men in a men's team, three women in a women's team and two men and two women in a mixed team. No runner can be placed in more than one of the teams.

Any surplus revenue from the event goes to the London Marathon Charitable Trust. This is then distributed by the trust to help to fund sport and recreation facilities for people in the capital.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The issue of trust in defence is often a tricky one. When confronted with a choice of lines of defence, one of which involves your partner having made an inferior play, how sure do you have to be to assume that he has erred? On the following hand from the 1998 Cavendish Las Vegas Pairs (the annual big-money auction event) East assumed his partner had made a mistake, and paid the penalty.

Dealer South — East-West Game — IMP Pairs

	♠ A 10 9 4 ♡ K 9 7 4 ◇ —	
♠ K 5 ♡ 10 5 ◇ 5 4 ♣ A K J 9 8 6 3	N W E S	♠ 6 3 ♡ A Q J 8 3 ◇ 10 6 2 ♣ 10 4 2
	♠ Q J 7 6 2 ♡ 6 2 ◇ K J 8 7 3 ♣ Q	

S	W	N	E
Wei	Graves	Chambers	Mittelman
Pass	1 C	Double	1 H
4 S	All Pass		

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: ace of clubs.

Four Spades is a respectable contract, but it can be beaten by a defensive trump promotion. West leads a top club, and when East follows with a low card, West shifts to the ten of hearts. So long as East presses on with three rounds of hearts, West will score his king of trumps. This was the way the play progressed at the majority of tables – but there were exceptions.

For example, at the table where Kathie Wei was declarer, Graves led the ace of clubs. When Mittelman signalled discouragement, Graves switched to hearts. East cashed his two heart tricks, then reverted to clubs, and the trump promotion vanished. Declarer could ruff the club, finesse in trumps, and claim the rest.

What went wrong? Should East have worked this out? I think so. If West had six clubs, without a spade honour, then regardless of the discouraging signal from his partner at the first trick, he would probably have cashed a second club at once and only then would he have shifted to hearts. He would not have left it up to his partner to work out what to do in the middle of the hand.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Anand's revenge

Continuing the trend for top players to turn their attention increasingly to non-rateable games at fast-time limits, a tournament in Frankfurt last week witnessed a clash between Garry Kasparov, Viswanathan Anand, Vladimir Kramnik and Vassily Ivanchuk. In the following game, Kasparov was clearly worse when his time ran out, an occupational hazard in these games.

White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Garry Kasparov

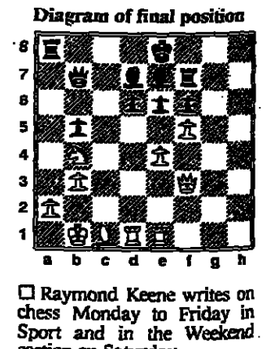
Chess Classic
Frankfurt 1998

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be3	Ng4
7	Bg5	h6
8	Bh4	g5
9	Bg3	Bg7
10	Be2	h5
11	Bxg4	Bxg4
12	f3	Bd7
13	Bf2	Nc6
14	Qd2	Ne5
15	b3	e6
16	Nde2	Rc8
17	Bd4	b5
18	Nd1	Rg8
19	Ne3	a5
20	0-0-0	a4
21	Kb1	axb3
22	cxb3	Ra8
23	Bc3	Ra6
24	Nc2	Bf8
25	Nb4	Ra8
26	Nd4	Be7
27	Rhe1	Qc8
28	Bb2	Qb7
29	Ndc2	f6
30	Nd4	h4
31	g3	g4
32	f4	Nf3
33	Nxf3	gxf3
34	f5	hxg3
35	hxg3	Rxg3
36	Qh2	Rg5
37	Bc1	Rg7
38	Qh5+	Rf7
39	Qxf3	

Black lost on time

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

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Final crosstable

	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	Pts
1 Kramnik	*	*	½	½	1	½	1	½	4
2 Anand	½	½	*	*	1	½	½	½	3½
3 Kasparov	0	½	0	½	*	*	1	½	2½
4 Ivanchuk	0	½	½	½	0	½	*	*	2

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss

Final placings were determined when Anand narrowly defeated Kramnik in a match, whilst Kasparov secured third place by a similarly close victory against Ivanchuk.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PANGLOSS
a. An all-weather paint
b. A rock plant
c. A foolish optimist

RELACHE
a. A relay horse
b. Revenge
c. A rest

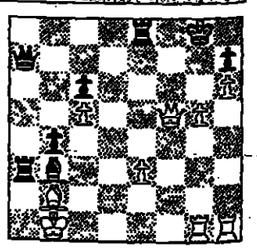
RUSSET
a. A Roundhead cavalryman
b. An apple
c. Autumnal

PAHIT
a. An overseer
b. A straw hat
c. A drink

Answers on page 44

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Bischoff — Nogueiras, Havana, 1998.

Black, with threats such as 1. . . . Ral+, has a very dangerous attack. Can you spot White's extraordinary simplifying manoeuvre?

Solution on page 44

No damages for temporary interference

Wildtree Hotels Ltd and Others v Harrow London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment June 11]

Compensation was not payable under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 where an interference to some legal right, public or private, was not a direct physical interference to land or a right appurtenant to land.

Compensation was also not payable under that section where the interference was only temporary and where after such interference the value of the land had ceased to be affected at the valuation date.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment, Lord Justice Ward dissenting, when dismissing the appeal by way of case stated of Wildtree Hotels Ltd and Rebecca Flash, Ruth Angel, Ivan Hartog, Sylvia Hartog and Stephen Flash from a decision of Judge Rich QC, sitting at the Lands Tribunal, on December 10, 1996.

The appellants were owners of hotel premises in Harrow. The council had lawfully undertaken a major road improvement scheme on land near the hotel for five years.

No land was taken from the owners. The owners claimed that the council had interfered with their public or private rights as a consequence of the works.

The owners questioned whether Judge Rich had erred in law in deciding:

1 That compensation was not payable under section 10 of the 1965 Act where an interference to some legal right, public or private, was not a direct physical interference to land or a right appurtenant to land; and

2 That where compensation was payable the quantum of damages recoverable as compensation did not include all injurious affection attributable to and caused by the execution of works whether or not caused by an interference with some public or private legal right.

The Court of Appeal addressed those issues and a third question posed by the council on cross-appeal: whether the Lands Tribunal erred in law in holding that compensation was payable under section 10 of the 1965 Act where the interference with a legal right in respect of land or an interest in land was only temporary and where after such interference the value of the land had ceased to be affected at the valuation date.

The Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Ward dissenting, allowed the council's cross-appeal.

Mr Joseph Harper, QC and Mr Barry Denyer-Green for the owners: Mr David Mole, QC and Mr Paul Stinchcombe for the council.

LORD JUSTICE WARD, dissenting, said that the questions which arose were whether compensation was payable under section 10 of the 1965 Act, which itself applied section 68 of the Land Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 in respect of the claims brought under four heads: (i) nuisance by noise, dust and vibration: (ii) nuisance by erection of hoardings: (iii) nuisance by obstruction of access to and from the public highway: (iv) nuisance by obstruction of public highways.

His Lordship agreed that the claims brought under the second to fourth heads, being claims of interference with rights of access, were capable of forming the basis of a claim under section 10.

His Lordship also agreed that the real issues were: whether the claim under the first heading for compensation for nuisance by noise, dust and vibration was sustainable if no physical damage was caused to the land itself; and whether a claim lay if the loss in the value of the land was of temporary duration lasting only while the property was affected by the actual execution of the works and without the property having suffered any permanent ill-effect by the time of the completion of the work.

Need for physical damage

His Lordship said the real question was whether or not the claim for compensation under the first head was an injurious affection of the land of the kind which the speech of Lord Wilberforce in *Argyle Motors (Birkenhead) Ltd v Birkenhead Corporation* ([1975] AC 99, 129G-130H) would embrace.

At the heart of the issue lay the question whether or not a cause of action for that kind of nuisance was one the essence of which was the causing of some loss of value of land or some damage to land or to an interest in the land.

In his Lordship's judgment those questions were answered affirmatively by *Hunter v Canary Wharf Ltd* ([1997] AC 617, 702H, 705-707).

It was, to his Lordship's mind, equally logical and indeed inevitable that a claim for compensation for nuisance through noise, dust and vibration should also fall into place alongside the right to compensation for nuisance through direct physical injury to the land or for nuisance through an interference with a right of way or a right of access to and from the properties.

They were all examples of land or an interest in land being injuriously affected by the execution of authorised work.

Once the true nature of the claim made in the present case was understood to be in lieu of the tort against land, there could be no reason not to include it as a form of injurious affection of land.

Consequently his Lordship would answer the first question posed by the Lands Tribunal in the affirmative.

Was temporary interference enough?

The settled purpose of the legislation was to confer a right of compensation co-extensive with the right of which the statutes deprived the claimant.

His Lordship did not apprehend there to be any doubt about the entitlement to damages where an actionable nuisance caused a temporary interference: see *Hunter v Canary Wharf* [at p706D].

His Lordship balked at imposing the restrictions upon the claim for which the respondent contended. The matter was put beyond doubt in *Ford v Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies* ([1886] 17 QB 12, 20).

The choice of valuation date did not present an obstacle to compensation being assessed, albeit with difficulty on a letting value basis or otherwise for loss of amenity, given the way the case proceeded before the Lands Tribunal.

His Lordship would answer the third question in the negative.

Quantum of compensation

His Lordship agreed with the court that just as there was no reason why the claimant should get less in the case of a temporary interference, there was no reason why he should get more than he would have been entitled to had he been able to bring his action in tort.

His Lordship would allow the appeal on question one and dismiss the cross-appeal.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that the appellants submitted that the rational construction of section 10 was that the owner of an interest in land was entitled to compensation under the section whenever the value of land was adversely affected by the execution of the works however that adverse effect occurred. A temporary diminution of value during the execution of the works was also to be reflected in the compensation payable.

It was to be noted that the decision in *Argyle Motors (Birkenhead) Ltd v Birkenhead Corporation*, which did not incline to depart from the earlier cases and adopt the radical approach to section 10 and section 68 put forward by the appellants, provided the signpost to guidance for the court through the nineteenth-century cases on injurious affection.

Argyle Motors had decided that compensation under section 68 could be obtained only in respect of some loss of value of land or damage to land and not for a loss which was personal to the owner or related to some particular use of the land.

An analysis of *Caledonian Railway Co v Walker's Trustees* ((1882) 7 App Cas 259); *Chamberlain v West End of London and Crystal Palace Railway Co Ltd* ((1863) 2 B & S 617) and *Beckett v Midland Railway Co* ((1867) LR 3 CP 82) demonstrated the scope of section 10.

It was concerned, in cases where land was not acquired from the claimant, with compensation for works interfering with an owner's rights in or in connection with the land.

The measure of compensation was the diminution in the value of the land caused by that interference. It was concerned also with a comparison of the value of land before and after the works.

His Lordship noted that what the appellants were truly seeking under question 1 was a finding that disturbances caused by noise, dust and vibration inevitably resulting from the works could form the basis of a claim in the absence of their causing physical damage to the land.

He referred to *Clerk & Lindsell on Torts* (17th edition (1995) paragraph 18-05) for three kinds of nuisance: encroachments, nuisances causing physical damage, and nuisances causing interference with the enjoyment of land, and sought to establish that the third kind of nuisance, provided it affected the value of the land, was compensatable under section 10.

That submission overlapped with the third question because the submission contemplated, if not required that devaluation during the works was compensatable. It was also claimed that obstruction to access during the works, if reflected in the value of the land during works, was compensatable.

As to the third question, in his Lordship's judgment, there could be no doubt that section 10 was concerned with the value of land or damage to land.

On its face the principle would appear to require a comparison of the value of the land before and after the works. For some purposes the phrase "value of the land" might include both the market value and compensation for disturbance.

The appellants' claim was found to be based on an alleged loss of rental value, itself based on loss of profits over the period of the works. His Lordship found it impossible to fit that approach with the application of section 10 in the authorities.

His Lordship could not conclude that a majority of the court in *Ford v Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies* ((1886) 17 QBD 12), on which the appellants relied, established a principle that compensation was payable under section 68 for temporary disturbance of rights over or in connection with land.

Conclusion

Compensation under section 68, and now under section 10 of the 1965 Act, was based upon a permanent devaluation of or damage to the land and no further sum was payable with respect to temporary devaluation during the works on the basis argued in the present case, that is, temporary loss of rental value.

If wrong, his Lordship would hold in any event that compensation was not payable under section 10 for disturbance during the works by noise, dust and vibration not affecting the value of the land when the works were complete, as distinct from temporary physical interference with the land or a right used in connection with the land.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Caplans; Mr Gerald Balabanoff, Harrow.

Challenging contribution to maintenance costs

Sheffield City Council v Jackson and Others

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir Patrick Russell

[Judgment May 21]

The reasonableness of a covenant in a conveyance for the purchase of a freehold property under the "right to buy" provisions in the Housing Act 1985, that required contribution by the purchaser for the costs incurred by the local council in the upkeep of landscaping, could only be challenged by the purchaser before he entered into it on the execution of the conveyance.

After execution, a challenge to the reasonableness of a covenant could only be made to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and Regions under sections 167 and 168 of the Act.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Sheffield City Council from the judgment on a preliminary issue by Mr Justice Astell, sitting in Sheffield District Registry on July 24, 1997, that a covenant by the purchasers of 23 Selly Oak Road, Sheffield, Ronald and Mary Jackson, to contribute to the council's costs incurred in "the upkeep of landscaping" was unenforceable on the ground of unreasonableness.

Miss Beverley Rogers for the council; Miss Alison Hampton for the purchasers.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the dispute was about the liability for service charges of owners of houses on the Jordanthorpe Estate in Sheffield whose freeholds had been purchased under the right to buy provisions of Part V of the Housing Act 1985.

By a conveyance in June 1989 the council had conveyed 23 Selly Oak Road to the purchasers at a price of £10,105. By clause 5(2) of the conveyance the purchasers covenanted to pay to the council the service charge.

The court had been told that arrears of service charges outstanding in respect of the Jordanthorpe Estate were approximately £15,655 and in respect of Sheffield as a whole approximately £868,300.

The outcome of the appeal depended on the provisions of the 1985 Act. Section 139 provided that a conveyance executed in pursuance of the right to buy should conform with Part I and II of Schedule 6 to the Act.

Paragraph 5 of that Schedule provided that the conveyance might include covenants and conditions as were reasonable in the circumstances. The clause 5(2) covenant fell within that paragraph.

However, the council's primary contention was that the reasonableness of any such covenant could only be challenged by the purchaser before he entered into it on the execution of the conveyance. Once the conveyance had been executed the challenge had come too late.

Section 125 provided for service of a notice by the council on a tenant claiming to exercise his right to buy. The notice was to describe the house and state the price and its value at the relevant time.

Section 125(4)(a) provided that the notice should contain estimates and other information enabling the landlord to recover service charges.

The council had duly complied with section 125 in Mr and Mrs Jackson's case. They had accepted the price proposed and the other provisions referred to in the council's notice.

On receipt of a notice under section 125, the tenant had a right to have the value of the house redetermined under section 128. Section 127 provided that the value of a house at the relevant time should be taken to be the price which at that time it would realise on the open market.

It was clear that an obligation on the tenant such as was contained in clause 5(2) was one which had to be taken into account in assessing the value of the house and thus the price at which it was to be acquired.

Sections 167 and 168 of the Act concerned the secretary of state's power to give directions as to covenants and conditions.

The effect of the two sections was that where a conveyance did not conform with Parts I and II of Schedule 6, for example because it included a covenant which was in breach of paragraph 5 on the ground of unreasonableness, the secretary of state had power to discharge the covenant.

Miss Rogers argued that it was clear that a challenge to the reasonableness of a covenant falling with paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 could only be made to the county court before the conveyance was executed or after execution to the secretary of state under sections 167 and 168.

That argument, supported by her analysis of the material provisions of the 1985 Act, was to be preferred to the more generalised submissions of Miss Hampton.

Bearing in mind that a covenant by the tenant falling within paragraph 5, especially one to pay service charge, would place a burden on the tenant and that that burden was specifically required by section 127 to be taken into account in assessing the value of the house and thus the price to be paid for it, it was not permissible, in the absence of a specific provision to that effect, to construe the 1985 Act as allowing a tenant who had entered into the covenant by executing a conveyance to secure his release from it except under the provisions of sections 167 and 168.

Further, there was great difficulty in seeing how, in the absence of some specific provision, the tenant could be released from his covenant and at the same time be able to affirm the remainder of the transaction. That confirmed the view that the challenge could only be made before the conveyance was executed.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson gave a concurring judgment and Sir Patrick Russell agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Mark Webster, Sheffield; Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield.

Important exchanges must be recorded

Regina v Osborne-Odelli

Counsel should be reminded that where it became apparent that exchanges of importance were going to take place during final speeches, the shorthand writer should be summoned in order that those exchanges might be recorded.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Buxton, Mr Justice Wright and Mr Justice David Steel) so stated on June 2 when allowing the appeal of John Michael Osborne-Odelli against his conviction on September 15, 1997 at Croydon Crown Court (Judge Pullinger and a jury) of robbery. A re-trial was ordered.

LORD JUSTICE BUXTON said that the case involved a question of identification and the appellant's credibility was of crucial importance. His counsel, during his closing speech, attempted to tell the jury why the appellant felt that he had been unfairly treated in order to explain his irate demeanour when giving evidence.

The judge stopped counsel and in the absence of the jury asked whether counsel would be criticising him; counsel said yes. An exchange followed, lasting between 20 and 30 minutes. It was unfortunate that there was no transcript of that exchange. It took place during final speeches which were normally not recorded.

The defence were prevented from giving proper explanation of detrimental aspects of the appellant's evidence and the judge, far from correcting the position, addressed the jury in terms that could have been interpreted as indicating further matters potentially detrimental to the appellant.

Stress insufficient to justify registration of child

Regina v Hampshire County Council, Ex parte H and Another

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Auld

[Judgment June 9]

Before placing a child's name on the child protection register in the category of emotional abuse a local authority had to be satisfied that the child was, or was at risk of suffering persistent or severe emotional ill-treatment or rejection. The identification of a stressful family situation, without evidence in relation to the specific child, was insufficient to justify registration.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when (i) refusing a renewed application for leave to move for judicial review of one decision of Hampshire County Council, (ii) refusing judicial review of a second decision of the council and (iii) granting the mother and stepfather of a girl aged nine a declaration that the council had had insufficient material to justify registering her on its child protection register in the category of emotional abuse.

Mr Paul McCormick for the mother and stepfather; Mr Jeremy Gibbons, QC and Mrs Roberta Holland for the council.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS, giving the judgment of the court, said that at an initial child protection conference the names of the girl and her two siblings had been placed on the child protection register.

There was at that stage no information about the girl separately from the information relating to all three children. The absence of knowledge of the girl, of assessment of her actual situation, and no information from other sources, had left the case conference with serious gaps in the necessary material upon which to come to an initial decision whether to register her in the category of emotional abuse. There had been evidence which would have entitled the case conference to register the girl in the category of physical abuse as a sibling of a child who appeared to have been assaulted by a stepfather. The problem had arisen by placing her name in the category of emotional abuse instead of physical abuse.

The council had argued that the purpose of registration of a child on the child protection register was to alert the agencies as to the risk and to put into place a protection plan. Consequently, it had submitted, it did not much matter in which category the child was placed.

It was true that, in many cases, the abuse of children straddled the definitions of the categories of abuse. For instance, a physically or sexually abused child might also have suffered emotional abuse as might a child who had suffered neglect.

But the council's submission could not be sustained. Whichever category of abuse was chosen there had to be evidence of, or likelihood of significant harm before registration. Although the abuser might not be easily identifiable there had to be some evidence of the cause of the harm or likelihood of harm.

In the case of emotional abuse, the harm had to be caused by persistent or severe emotional ill-treatment or rejection. Those requirements were not met by the identification of a stressful family situation without some evidence in relation to the specific child.

The court was not indicating that at an initial child protection conference there could not be a decision to place a child's name on the register unless there was some medical or psychological assessment or report.

The court was well aware that those engaged in the important task of child protection were meeting under the constraints of a tight schedule. The assessment of the child by a social worker, the concerns of the health visitor, the police, the probation service, the school or any other professional with some actual knowledge of the child might be sufficient at that early stage to demonstrate that the requirements of emotional abuse were met.

Solicitors: O'Hara Rice Scholes, Portsmouth; Mr Edward Mason, Winchester.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Refusal of access to documents annulled

Svenska Journalistförbundet (supported by Sweden, Denmark and Netherlands, interveners) v Council of the European Union (supported by France and United Kingdom, interveners)

Case T-174/95

Before K. Lenaerts, President and Judges P. Lindh, J. Azizi, J. D. Cooke and M. Jaeger

[Judgment June 17]

A decision by the Council of the European Union refusing the applicant Swedish Journalists' Union access to certain Council documents relating to the setting up of the European Police Office did not sufficiently state the reasons on which it was based, and accordingly was to be annulled.

The applicant's actions in publishing an edited version of the Council's defence on the Internet, and inviting the public to comment, involved an abuse of procedure which would be taken into account in the award of costs.

The Fourth Chamber (Extended Composition) of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities so held on an application for annulment of the Council's decision of July 6, 1995 refusing access to documents requested under Council Decision 93/731/EC of December 20, 1993 on public access to Council documents (OJ 1993 L340 p43).

On the applicant's application for access to 20 documents relating to the setting up of Europol, the Council allowed access initially to two of the documents, and, subsequently, after a meeting of the information working party of Coreper, the Permanent Representatives' Committee, to a further two documents.

In relation to the remaining 16 documents, the Council, in its decision letter of July 6, 1995 stated:

"In the Council's opinion access to those documents cannot be granted because their release could be harmful to the public interest (public security) and because they relate to the Council's proceedings, including the positions taken by the members of the Council, and are therefore covered by the duty of confidentiality."

Article 4 of Decision 93/731 provides:

"(1) Access to a Council document shall not be granted where its disclosure could undermine: — the protection of the public interest (public security).

"(2) Access to a Council document may be refused in order to protect the confidentiality of the Council's proceedings."

Article 190 of the EC Treaty provides:

"Decisions adopted by the Council shall state the reasons on which they are based."

In its judgment the Court considered and rejected various objections to the admissibility of the application, and, on the substance, held:

The aim of Decision 93/731 was to implement the principles established by the Code of Conduct concerning public access to Council and Commission Documents (OJ 1993 L340 p1) approved by the Council and Commission on December 6, 1993.

Article 4 of Decision 93/731 set out two categories of exception to the principle of general access for citizens to Council documents: those exceptions were to be construed and applied restrictively so as not to defeat the general principle enshrined in the Decision.

The wording of the first category (in article 4(1)) was drafted in mandatory terms, but it followed from the use of the word "could" that the Council was obliged to consider, in respect of each requested document, whether, in the light of the information available, disclosure was in fact likely to undermine one of the facets of public interest protected by that category.

By contrast, it followed from the wording of the second category (in article 4(2)), drafted in enabling terms, that the Council enjoyed a margin of discretion permitting it, if need be, to refuse access to documents which touched on its deliberations.

Nevertheless, it had to exercise that discretion by striking a genuine balance between the interest of the citizen in obtaining access to documents, on the one hand, and any interest of its own in maintaining the confidentiality of its deliberations, on the other: see Case T-194/94 *Carvel v Council of the European Union* [*The Times* November 2, 1995; [1995] ECR II-2765, paragraphs 64 and 65).

The Council was also entitled to rely jointly on an exception derived from the first category and one relating to the second, there being no provision in Decision 93/731 which precluded it from doing so.

The duty to state reasons laid down by article 190 of the Treaty had the double purpose of permitting interested parties to know the reasons for the adoption of a measure so that they could protect their interests, and of enabling the Community court to exercise its jurisdiction to review the validity of the decision.

In the contested decision, the Council invoked both the mandatory exception based on public security and the discretionary one, but it did not specify whether it was invoking both exceptions in respect of all the documents or whether it considered that some documents were covered by one and others by the other.

However the Council had admitted that it had not considered that all the documents connected with Europol were covered by the public security exception.

A note prepared for Coreper by the Director-General of the Justice and Home Affairs Directorate, which was first communicated to the applicant as an annex to the Council's defence, showed that most of the documents in issue were concerned only with negotiations on the adoption of the Europol Convention, and not with operational matters of Europol itself.

Thus, in the absence of any explanation by the Council as to why disclosure of the documents would prejudice public security, it was not possible for the applicant to know the reasons for the decision or for the court to assess why the documents fell within the first category and not the second.

The note also clearly showed that it was possible to give an indication of the reasons why certain documents could not be disclosed without at the same time disclosing their contents, so that the Council could not claim that it was unable to explain why the exception applied without undermining its essential purpose.

Since the Council did not specifically indicate in the decision that all the documents were covered by the public security exception, the applicant could not rule out the possibility that some documents were being refused because they were covered only by the confidentiality of proceedings exception.

However, the terms of the decision did not permit the applicant, and therefore the Court, to check whether the Council had carried out the genuine balancing of interests which was required.

In fact, the decision mentioned only the fact that the documents related to proceedings of the Council, without saying whether it had made any comparative analysis which sought to balance the interests of the citizens seeking the information and the criteria for confidentiality of the Council's proceedings: see *Carvel* paragraph 74.

For those reasons the decision did not comply with the requirements for reasoning laid down in article 190 and must therefore be annulled.

The applicant had published an edited version of the Council's defence on the Internet, in conjunction with an invitation to the public to send their comments to the Council's agents, whose telephone and fax numbers were given.

Under the Court of First Instance's procedural rules, parties were entitled to protection against the misuse of pleadings and evidence. Inter alia, no third party could have access to the case file or the procedural documents, without the President's express authorisation, after the parties had been heard.

It was clear that the applicant's actions were designed to bring pressure to bear on the Council and to provoke public criticism of its agents in the performance of their duties, and they involved an abuse of procedure which would be taken into account in awarding costs.

On those grounds, the Court:

1 Annulled the Council's decision of July 6, 1995;

2 Ordered the Council to pay two-thirds only of the applicant's costs as well as its own costs, and

3 Ordered the interveners to bear their own costs.

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GUS ready to start reeling in rewards

TODAY

Interims: Enviromed, Freepages Group, Grainger Trust. **Finals:** Allen, Carclo Engineering, Compco Holdings, Courtaulds Clothing, Dailywin Group, DBS Management, Harvey Nichols Group, Kayser Bondor, Wilkinson & Riddell, Workspace Group. **Economic statistics:** No UK data scheduled for release.

TOMORROW

Interims: Denby Group, First Leisure, Garland Whalley & Barker, Legal & General, Recovery Investment Trust, Watson & Philip. **Finals:** Carpetright, Chloride Group, Halma, Hewetson, Jarvis, Jasmin, London Merchant Securities, Majestic Wines, MFI Furniture, Tinsley Robor, Wagon Industrial. **Economic statistics:** UK May Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Housing Market Survey, UK Q1 final GDP, UK Q1 balance of payments.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Galen Holdings, Hardys & Hanson, ML Laboratories. **Finals:** Great Universal Stores, Lambert Fenchurch, Metrotect Industries, John Swan & Son, VTech Holdings. **Economic statistics:** no UK data scheduled for release.

THURSDAY

Interims: Partridge Fine Arts. **Finals:** Acatos & Hutcheson, Applied Holographics, Asda, BPB Group, Caltuna, Emhart, Eve Grp, Hampson Industries, Prism Rail, Syltone, **Economic statistics:** UK April global trade, May non-EU trade, UK May Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices, UK British Bankers' Association analysis of May mortgage lending, UK CBI June industrial trends survey.

FRIDAY

Interims: Heavitree Brewery. **Finals:** Cassidy Brothers. **Economic statistics:** no UK data scheduled for release.

GUS: The acquisitions of Argos, Experian in the US and Direct Technology have altered the retailer almost beyond recognition. But it seems unlikely that full-year results on Wednesday will reflect the subsequent benefits of such moves.

Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits of £555 million to £585 million, compared with £554.4 million last time. BT Alex Brown, the broker, is forecasting profits of £555 million with earnings a share just 4 per cent higher at 37.8p.

Brokers will undoubtedly concentrate their efforts on trying to glean information from Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, the chairman of Great Universal Stores, about how well the businesses are being integrated and how difficult trading conditions generally have become.

Experian is likely to see its contribution to profits this time round grow from £59.6 million to £139 million with mail order in this country making only modest progress while in Europe there is likely to have been a decline in profitability.

Burberrys will have been hit by the Far East's recession, with its contribution dropping from £62 million to £39 million. Details of a restructuring programme are expected.

Shareholders should be rewarded with an increase in the payout from 18p to 20p.

ASDA GROUP: Recent speculative buying has driven shares of the food retailer to a peak of 218p amid renewed claims that it plans to merge with another retailer such as Kingfisher. This follows the breakdown of talks last year with Safeway. Brokers remain convinced that Asda is looking to complete a deal as the next stage in its expansion programme.

Final results on Thursday, should make impressive reading with brokers pencilling in pre-tax profits of £395 million to £400 million, compared with £353 million last time. Earnings per share, on the other hand, are likely to have declined from 10.4p to 10.1p.

The growth in profitability has been fuelled by strong like-for-like sales growth of 9 per cent and new store openings. Gross margins contracted by 11 basis points in the first half, but most of this will have been recovered in the second six months producing a flat performance overall.

The dividend should grow from 3.05p to 3.5p.

BPB INDUSTRIES: The strong pound will have left deep scars on the final outcome when the plasterboard manufacturer reports on Thursday. About 75 per cent of profits now come from overseas and the damage to the bottom line by currency factors is likely to be in the region of £19 million. Overall pre-tax profits will be down from £178.8 million to between £165 million and £172 million. Earnings will have declined by about 8 per cent from 23.6p to 21.8p.

This setback will mask a good performance in this country where volumes will have grown 10 per cent due to solid demand. In France volume increases of 2 per cent are expected with prices reasonably stable. But much will depend on the outcome in Germany where trading conditions have been affected by the recession. Brokers say the decline could be as much as 4 per cent.

Disposals of various non-core operations are likely to result in an exceptional charge approaching £27 million. The payout is likely to be about 11p compared with 10.3p last time.



Brokers want to hear from Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale about the integration of Argos

MFI FURNITURE: If the recent share performance is anything to go by, we can expect some dreadful figures from the furniture retailer when it unveils final results tomorrow. City estimates range from £55 million to £65 million, which compares with £70.3 million last time. Earnings a share are also expected to drop 1p to 7.2p.

The March trading update came as a shock to the market but was followed by similar gloomy statements from the rivals DFS Furniture, Carpetright and Allied Carpets. Sales in the 16 weeks to the start of March were just 2 per cent higher and showed a significant deterioration from the position at the time of the new year sales. This was followed by a substantial downgrading of profit forecasts.

Brokers will want to know if trading shows any signs of a pick-up. This seems unlikely in the current year. The dividend is likely to show a marginal increase from 4.8p to 5p.

CARPETRIGHT: The gloomy trading statement in March prompted brokers to downgrade their profit expectations from about £40 million. Disappointing trading conditions at Easter may mean that brokers' forecasts of tomorrow's full-year figures remain too high. Pre-tax profit estimates range from £32 million to £38.5 million, against £32.2 million last time. Earnings per share are expected to come in 10 per cent higher at 30.8p.

Sales started the second half on a firm note with an 8 per cent increase on a like-for-like basis. But the situation deteriorated rapidly after that with the outcome expected to be flat, at best, despite a £1 million spend on promotion and advertising.

Despite the difficult trading conditions both Carpetright and Carpet Depot have increased market share with 300 stores in operation and a further 20 openings planned. Competition remains intense but the group has been able to protect its gross margin. Strong cash resources enable the group to improve the payout from between 19p to 23½p.

FIRST LEISURE: The scepticism that has surrounded the group since Michael Grade became executive chairman last year should be dispelled by a promising set of half-year figures tomorrow. The perceived problems of old-fashioned leisure businesses such as bingo and resorts are well on the way to being solved, with bingo now sold and resorts up for sale with a £100 million price tag.

Though Mr Grade will face questions over progress on the resorts sale and the future of its interests in theatres and marinas, for the first time the market is expected to focus on a solid performance from its three core divisions: nightclubs; family entertainment centres; and health and fitness.

Six months ago, with the City convinced that First Leisure's management was bereft of ideas, the shares were 270p, but with the shares now at 415p the bears are nowhere to be seen. BT Alex Brown, the broker, predicts normalised pre-tax profits a third higher at £22 million and earnings per share of 10.2p (7.2p). The interim dividend should be 12 per cent higher at 2.95p.

HARVEY NICHOLS: The slump in the share price on Friday, closing 12p lower at 252p, may bode badly for full-year figures today. The group has failed to live up to expectations since it came to market. But in spite of the intense competition, poor weather and slowdown in consumer spending, the group is expected to produce a small increase in profitability. Brokers are forecasting a range from £13.6 million to £14.3 million which is up from £12.1 million last time. The payout should rise from 5.8p to between 6.2p and 6.8p.

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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Markets keep wary eye on Japan's promise to reform

Japan will remain the hot topic in the markets this week with dealers weighing up the outcome of Saturday's G7 meeting and waiting to see if the fine words are fully converted into action. Any sign of back-tracking by the Japanese Government is likely to expose the yen once more and send fresh tremors through global markets.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries meeting on Wednesday will also be closely watched, although unusually the possibility of agreement on production cuts is not expected to have a big impact on the market. Oil prices are at historically low levels and analysts believe it would require big rises to begin to feed into inflationary pressure in the West. The pressure low prices is placing on a number of emerging market producers is of concern and a post-meeting increase in the oil price may actually be regarded as a positive sign.

In the UK, tomorrow's balance of the payments data is expected to show the current account beginning to slide into deficit as the strong pound takes its toll.

MMS International, the economic forecasting company, predicts the current account will show a deficit of £1.1 billion in the first quarter of this year compared with the modest surplus of £116 million recorded in the last quarter of 1997. The first quarter GDP figures are expected to be unrevised at 0.5 per cent leaving the annual rate at 2.9 per cent.

On Thursday, the trade figures should also reveal further sterling damage. The April global trade deficit is expected to narrow slightly to £1.3 billion but the more timely May non-EU balance is forecast to widen to £1 billion from £715 million the previous month. The CBI industrial trends data, which is also published Thursday, should provide evidence of the manufacturing sector's continuing troubles.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIMES

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Vodafone, Vitec, Albermarle & Bond; **Sell** Asda; **Hold** Harvey Nichols, TBI. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** GUS, British Steel, Workspace Group, Pace Micro Technology, T&S Stores; **Sell** GWR. *The Observer*: **Buy** Bowthorpe; **Sell** GUS, House of Fraser, Harvey Nichols; **Hold** Jarvis Hotels. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Charlton FC; **Sell** AB Foods. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** Lasmo; **Sell** Hanlys Group, Biomedix.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.77	2.60
Austria Sch	22.05	20.39
Belgium Fr	64.88	59.82
Canada $	2.582	2.394
Cyprus Cyp£	0.920	0.848
Denmark Kr	11.98	11.09
Egypt Pound	5.91	5.30
Finland Mkk	9.64	8.89
France Fr	10.50	9.72
Germany Dm	3.16	2.91
Greece Dr	534	485
Hong Kong $	13.76	12.56
Iceland	131	111
Ireland Pt	1.24	1.15
Israel Shk	6.50	5.84
Italy Lira	3124	2887
Japan Yen	239.71	222.18
Malta	0.686	0.627
Netherlds Gld	3.563	3.268
New Zealand $	3.31	3.07
Norway Kr	13.28	12.32
Portugal Esc	318.95	296.92
S Africa Rd	9.83	8.87
Spain Pta	265.38	246.59
Sweden Kr	14.07	12.97
Switzerland Fr	2.65	2.44
Turkey Lira	442712	422834
USA $	1.777	1.634

Rates for small denomination banknotes as supplied by Barclays Bank. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading on Friday.

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 42

PANGLOSS
(c) Name of the philosopher and tutor in Voltaire's *Candide* (1759), who believes that "all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds", used allusively for one who is optimistic regardless of the circumstances. "He includes some of his pet Panglossisms, such as that learning is happiness."

RELACHE
(c) A period of rest, an interval; a break from something. The French word for it. "Tonight he has asked Yves Guyot to dinner because I said I wanted to see him, so we shall have a little relâche from archaeology."

RUSSET
(b) An old English eating apple. So called because of its colour.

PAHIT
(c) A shortened version of the drink in full described as *gin and bitters*. In Malay *pahit* means bitter. "There was the euphoria of foreseeing ourselves in Maugham fiction — white-tuxedoed dinner-parties, the fans turning on the ceiling, gin pahits on the veranda, humid adultery behind the jalousies."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Qxh7+! Qxh7+ (1. . . . Kxh7; 2. g6+ wins); 2. g6 and now Black, no doubt stunned by White's queen sacrifice, played 2. . . . Ba2+; 3. Kcl and resigned. He should have tried 2. . . . Ra7 when, after 3. gxh7+ Kxh7, White is much better, but the game is not over.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6749 (+0.0439)
German mark
2.9867 (+0.0442)
Exchange index
103.6 (-1.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
3769.8 (-33.6)
FTSE 100
5748.1 (-21.7)
New York Dow Jones
5712.87 (-122.07)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
15267.98 (+245.65)

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Capitalisation, week's change

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,034.30	Allied Domecq†	578 – 13		4.2	14.1
187.70	Bulmer (HP)	955½ – 1		5.2	11.0
11.98	Burn Stewart	20		10.6	
25,011.08	Diageo¶	700 – 6½		3.2	30.5
120.40	Glenmorangie A	985		2.0	20.4
401.50	Highland Distl	900½ – 4½		3.7	19.9
173.50	Matthew Clark	195 – ½		12.6	6.3
12.60	Minghella W	47½ – 1		8.5	
4,020.40	SA Breweries†	1365½ – 43½		2.6	..

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
19,105.70	ABN-AMRO	1371½ – 17½		2.3	20.0
14,553.90	Abbey Nat	1090 + 13		3.7	15.8
4,536.00	Alliance & Leic	775 – 26		3.9	12.5
6,556.10	Allied Irish	810 – 14½		3.7	15.6
6,037.10	Bank New Z	405 + 16½		5.9	24.7
34,739.80	Bank America	5654½ – 294½			
8,056.50	Bank Scotland†	955 – 60		1.9	17.5
26,062.10	Barclays	1718 + 50		2.7	15.9
5,849.00	Bk of Ireland	1130 – 11		2.7	
41,010.80	Citicorp	8853½ – 300			
6,562.90	Commercial	1525 – 21½		3.2	
10,888.90	Dai Ichi Kan Yt	3460 + 20½		2.1	76.6
35,887.40	Deutsche Bk	5159½ – 71½		1.2	
461.10	Espirito Santo	1165½ + 9½		3.2	..
7,947.80	Fuji Bank Yt	2744½ + 34½		1.4	55.7
13,332.80	HSBC	1515 + 62½		2.8	13.3
26,227.80	HSBC HK	3448 + 68½		4.1	12.1
19,877.20	Halifax	797 – 8		2.7	23.1
651.10	Irish Perm	1052½ – 30½		2.3	28.1
44,835.30	Lloyds TSB	856 – 35½		2.9	22.0
12,190.70	Nat Aust Bk	1915 + 49½		2.4	19.7
18,634.00	Nat West	1084 + 30½		4.1	23.1
2,328.80	Northern Rock	520 + 4½		2.4	19.6
9,310.70	Roy Bk Scot†	1672 – 13		2.6	19.8
6,398.60	Stand Chart	840½ – 15½		3.6	18.4
14,126.70	Wells Fargo	£154¾			
6,489.60	Westpac	3641½ + 16½		3.7	..
5,043.10	Woolwich	315 – 13		3.8	16.2

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
9,110.70	Bass¶	1146 + 61		3.1	19.7
25.30	Bk for the Bk	77 – 2½		3.1	23.0
38.20	Burtonwd Brw	183½ – 8½		4.8	16.2
307.60	City Centre Rest	159½ – 2½		2.2	24.6
4,295.20	Compass Gp	643 + 37		0.9	42.1
81.90	Enodge P 'A'	332½ – 7		2.4	16.1
259.30	Estermer Inter†	372½ + 3½		2.6	21.4
76.00	Fuller Sm 'A'	542½ –		2.7	
1,543.30	Greenalls Grp†	521 – 6½		4.1	12.3
445.90	Greene King	737 – 10½		2.9	15.1
69.60	Groupe Chez Ga	349 – 8½		1.2	24.1
53.90	Hardy Hanson	269½ – 5		5.3	11.7
57.40	Holt Jt	2050		4.1	9.9
56.40	Inn Business	77½ – 1		3.3	10.8
263.00	Mansfield	313½ – 1½		3.2	
290.30	Marston Thmp	337½ – 4		3.2	11.6
147.30	Mitchells†	455 – 11½		3.7	12.1
131.90	Old Eng Pub†	182½ – 3½		1.1	24.3
3.63	Paramount	30½ – 3			
595.70	PizzaExpress	898½ – 41½		0.5	40.6
52.10	Ramsdens (H)	345 + 2½		1.6	32.1
283.00	Regent Inns	315½ – 5½		4	22.6
130.70	SFI	81 – 1		0.5	38.6
5,305.60	Scot & Newc	841 – 2		3.3	16.8
41.40	Shug & Lasses	191½ – 3		2	37.2
476.20	Vnue Group†	327½ + 11		4.3	13.5
614.70	Wetherspoon JD	313 + 1½		0.6	33.7
4,861.80	Whitbread†	966 – 17		3.3	17.7
328.40	Wolverhmptn Dt	537½ – 10½		4.5	11.6
333.20	Yates Bros	521½ – 19½		0.8	32.1
22.90	Young 'A'†	790 + 68½		2.5	..

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
653.90	Aggregate Indst	68½ – 7		3.2	33.7
2,301.20	Anglian Group	382½ – 4½		4.9	
3,036.60	Arc	394 – 23		1.8	18.0
42.50	Baggeridge Brk	103½ – 10½		4.4	11.1
11.50	Blackleyst	46 – 1½		2.2	52.5
2,755.30	Blue Circle†	363½ – 10½		4.0	13.7
36.00	Breedon PLC	130½ – 1		5.6	13.8
78.10	Bs Dredging†	199 – 5		4.3	30.5
3,332.70	CRH	867½ – 42½		1.2	21.7
3.75	Caterpillar Ray	6¾ –		7.5	5.3
83.40	Cape	153½ – 2		5.3	13.2
972.80	Caradon	188 – 6		5.4	13.7
198.00	Carador pf	110 – ½		8.2	..
5.36	Chelsfield Gp	62½ – 3		8.2	4.6
3.51	Dyson (JJ&J)	212½ –		3.4	12.7
13.40	Dyson 'A'	97 –		7.4	5.8
23.70	Evnstone	52 – 1			
36.50	Ewart	157½ + 9		7.4	9.2
2.22	Gibbs & Dandy	129 –		3.9	11.9
255.80	Graham Grp	183 – ½		4.1	18.2
67.00	Halstead (J)	217½ – 12½		5.7	14.6
2,465.50	Hanson	378½ + ½		4.0	13.1
566.20	Heywoodwill	230½ – 15½		4.9	
29.10	Hewetson	171½ – 1		4.3	11.2
240.50	Heyrod Wm	272½ – 19½		5.3	10.4
266.60	Ibstock†	61½ + 2		4.5	15.3
34.00	Johnstone†	317½ –		4.7	17.1
28.50	Lilleshall	100½ – 4½		6.2	9.9
384.90	Marley	113½ – 8		3.5	9.8
179.80	Mondiall†	156½ – 8½		4.3	17.3
612.00	Meyer Int	362 – 25		4.4	
105.00	Novros	65 – 5½		3.6	14.2
1,276.10	Pilkington	117 – 11½		4.4	
293.20	Polypipe	154 – 10		2.8	11.5
36.60	Quigmill	18½			
2,819.70	RMC	1092 – 56		3.0	15.7
50.90	Ruberoid	105½ – 3		5.8	12.0
791.90	Rugby Group†	122 – 11		4.1	17.5
34.10	Russell (A)	99½ – 2		3.9	14.6
282.30	SIG	258 – 12½		4.1	12.1
7.10	SWP	2½ + ¼			
52.30	Sharpe & Fisher	230½ – 2		3.4	14.2
86.80	Sprag Ranyt	14½ – 2½		0.9	
195.30	Steetley Mags	315 – 1½		3.2	17.9
1,008.90	Tarmacct	110 – 12½		6.4	13.2
12.10	Tilcon†	110 – 4		6.0	10.8
574.80	Travis Perkins	548 – 27		2.5	16.9
9.71	Tudort	87½ – 5½		4.3	11.3
334.50	Ultrakrome†	388½ – 2		1.2	30.4
2,142.80	Wates Hldgs†	375 – 30		3.9	12.1

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
481.70	Albright & Wil	153½ – 35		4.7	15.2
18.80	Amber Ind	118½ – 19		6.3	..
74.00	Amberley Gp	113½ + 2		2.1	
39.40	Ashlene Gp	85½		10.8	12.9
16,727.30	BASF DM	2705½ – 93½		2.5	
4,087.80	BOC	838 – 42		4.1	15.3
904.30	BTP†	533½ – 7½		2.9	24.0
21,765.80	Bayer DM50	3006½ + 50		1.9	
72.30	Brent Chems	197 – 3½		3.5	12.1
620.50	Br Vita	279 – 35		3.9	14.1
141.20	Brunner Mond	1865½		5.9	10.2
76.60	Cgoung (W)†	266½		4.3	12.7
102.30	City Technology	210		2.3	40.6
1,603.80	Coursaulds	445		3.7	27.0
557.70	Credit	408½ – 28		2.5	19.7
45.90	Crodha	352½ – 12½		4.0	11.2
663.10	Elementis	158½ – 11½			25.1
267.30	Ellis & Everard	297 – 8		4.3	12.7
33.80	Euro Colour	74 + 3		4.3	
30.60	Gibbons	245 –		4.3	
142.50	Hickson†	81 – 5		1.2	14.1
16,682.00	Hoechst	2871½ + 75		1.8	
7,488.10	ICI	1030 – 12		3.1	40.8
504.50	Inspec	286 – 16½		3.0	12.8
490.20	Laton	137½ – 7½		5.6	20.4
1,461.70	Laporte	750½ – 83½		3.4	17.3
33.50	Meriesm	64½ – 1½		4.7	6.2
8.07	Minntest	39½		3.8	9.5
78.70	Norwel	310 – 2		3.9	16.0
483.30	Scapa	200½ – 6½		3.9	22.9
33.90	Sutcliffe Speakt	22½		6.7	
13,815.00	Takeda Chemf	1488½ – 3		0.6	18.6
167.30	Victrex	396 – 28		3.0	16.3
50.80	Wiltshire R	152½		5.4	10.0
100.60	Yorks Grp	220 – 5		5.5	13.9
579.00	Yule Catton	285 – 12½		3.2	15.8

CONSTRUCTION

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.20	AAF Ints	44 – 1			
135.60	Abbey	350 – 25		2.4	26.4
187.20	Allen	452½ – 25		2.5	22.3
412.90	Amec†	201 – 18		3.1	19.2
244.70	Arney	695 – 22½		1.6	26.8
182.00	Andrews Sykes	247 – 19½		1.2	30.7
748.40	Ashtead	247 – 19½		1.2	17.3
16.80	Avenside	41 – 2		4.8	7.8
53.50	Barratt	388 – 3½		4.7	10.3
38.60	Barcom	47		4.1	12.6
660.70	Barratt Devs	287 – 49		4.5	10.8
182.00	Bazor	187 – 36		4.5	10.8
347.60	Bellway†	3215½ – 55		3.7	18.7
13.30	Bellwinch	295			10.1
7.61	Ben Bailey	647½ – 91½		1.8	11.4
893.50	Berkeley Gp	1887½ – 2		3.9	14.8
24.00	Bett Bros	248		4.2	9.6
69.10	Boot (Henry)	256		4.9	10.5
271.60	Bovis Homes	341 – 22½		4.9	10.6
40.10	Brandon Hire	150½ – 6		4.4	15.9
9.01	Britannia Gp	90½		4.4	15.9
328.40	Brwnfs	1175 – 16		5.4	10.8
56.50	CALA	1230½ – 3		3.9	7.5
3.13	Cappetti & Asmar	136½ – 5		5.5	9.4
19.80	Clarke T	379 – 1			
126.40	Costain	107½ – 5½		3.8	8.4
82.20	Countryside	153½ – 2½		3.5	17.4
140.70	Crest Nicholson	1075 – 17		3.2	8.3
19.10	Cuclass	125½ – 25		2.6	19.8
59.00	Eve Group	22½		5.9	12.9
24.50	Eaklland	22½		2.3	14.9
103.30	Elecsn (MAI)†	1012½		2.5	14.8
34.50	Havelock Eurpt	123½ – 6½		2.4	22.5
532.30	Hawdon-Stuart†	287½ – 35½		2.4	22.6
6.07	Howard Hldgs	23		1.1	38.3
972.50	Jarvis	747½ + 19½		2.1	18.3
120.00	Kelle	237½ – 10		2.1	14.1
78.70	Kier	247½		3.6	12.8
182.30	Laing (JJ)	3845½ + 9½		3.3	21.2
52.40	Laing 5.4% Cv Pf	137½ + ½			
10.30	Lovell (Y)	208½		3.8	12.1
52.50	Mowlems (J)	161½ – 9½		5.6	9.6
196.20	McAlpine (A)	184 – 2½		2.9	13.4
185.50	McCarthy & St	1220 – 10		2.7	11.8
30.80	McInerney	141½ – 12		2.7	14.7
80.90	Morgan Sindall	378½ + 1		4	1.9
264.00	Morrison Const	149½ + 1		3.3	13.7
264.00	Mowlem (JH)	210½ – 39½		5.9	9.9
575.30	Pentamoon	97½ – 2		4.7	16.8
16.10	Peterhouse	128		2.7	14.5
28.70	Pochins	145½ – 12		4.0	8.9
110.90	Prowting†	165 – 13		2.9	12.0
365.60	Redrow	317½		1.5	18.3
45.40	Spanlex	75 – 3½		4.6	13.6
51.30	Swan Hill	121½ – 3		2.8	9.8
35.50	Tay Homes	210½ – 10½		2.1	16.0
638.10	Taylor Woodrow†	304 – 1		3.1	10.7
256.80	Tilbury Douglas†	287½ – 9		2.8	9.7
18.20	Try Group	83 + ½		6.3	29.5
39.30	Wimpeyint	138½ – 7		5.3	
80.70	Wimpeyrest	51½ – 4		6.3	7.3
37.10	Ward Hldgs	255 – 11½		3.6	10.9
287.10	Westbourn†	15 – ½			21.8
185.50	Wiggins	141½ – 25		4.9	
282.00	Wilcon (C)	207½ – 6½		2.3	13.8
629.50	Wilson Bowdn	1250 – 12		5.7	10.5
451.20	Wimpey G				

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
62.10	Acton Cp Spls	251 – ½		1.4	20.9
13.20	Adam & Harvey	230½ – 1		9.2	4.6
8.25	Alexanders	14½			68.6
4.69	Ass Br Eng				

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
93.60	BSS Group†	352½ – 2½		7.8	...
7.16	Bisnop Power	20 – 1½			
2.00	Bogod 'A'	34½		3.3	5.5
317.10	Brahmwrt	679 – 33½		12.2	15.2
6.40	Bridgend Gpt	16		1.6	25.5
25.00	Bril Fittings	98½ – 6		6.5	8.1
10.80	Cstwys	227½ – 22½			
33.40	Car Colour	87½ – 16½		6.9	10.0
46.00	Cavendish	154½ – 18		3.2	9.8
20.90	Cook (DW)	48 – 6		6.4	6.9
37.60	Dag Motors	135½ – 4		8.3	7.1
21.30	Dennis& El	115½ + 10		3.3	7.8
1,25.10	Diplomat	236½ – 27		7.7	9.9
2,249.10	Electrocomponent	525 – 39½		2.1	27.6
101.80	Eurotek Elec	165		4.0	26.4
57.00	European Mir	106 – 5½		7.4	7.8
88.10	Evans Halshaw	274½ – 25		7.7	6.8
10.10	Fitr Indnse	65 – ½		2.1	7.3
300.30	Finelks Grp	352 – 6½		2.9	14.1
30.30	Gartcrse	228		4.5	11.9
19.80	Glenchewan	66 – 1		3.8	9.4
10.90	Glowings	152½ – 5		3.6	11.6
20.20	HR Owen	189½ – 1		5.4	12.0
269.90	Headlamp	381½ – 14½		5.3	19.6
5.88	Hoopers Tech	135		6.2	8.4
22.50	ICA Int	224½ – 3½		8.2	4.3
1,073.50	Indncme	2484½ + 19½		3.7	12.3
7.00	Jacks (Wmyt)	208½ + 19½		9.8	24.4
944.20	Kwik-Fit	1527½ – 12½		6.5	9.6
611.80	Lex Service	643½ – 49½		4.1	13.5
35.10	Lookers	105 – 6		10.1	6.6
282.80	Marshs (John)	520 + 4		3.3	16.8
18.20	Middlesbro	77½ – ½		3.3	5.5
7.74	Moss Bros	140½ – ½		4.1	
30.60	Norcain	278 – 11		4.0	11.2
30.60	Normanbrse	278 – 11		4.0	11.2
201.50	Parkco	278 – 16		5.8	13.3
140.80	Pendragon	231½ – 31		5.8	10.9
53.30	Perry Grp	207½ – 21		5.9	9.9
821.60	Premier Farnell†	552½ – 78		5.3	12.0
51.50	Quadric Group	175 – 20		7.1	9.3
16.30	REA	4.43		2.3	29.4
4.43	Reece	25½			
14.10	Rmp	35½ – ½			
4.93	Rotcon	34 – ½			
6.65	Rotc Gp	64 – ½			
49.50	Rybrid	100½ – 2½		5.5	7.6
29.90	SEP Ind	30½		5.5	14.0
4.90	Saltire	19			
90.30	Sanderson Bram	245½ – 40½		2.8	8.9
86.10	Sedgemoort	577½ +		4.9	
96.00	Sytner	256½ – 13		3.4	11.9
71.90	Tate Products	142½ – 1		17.5	7.5
34.50	Trust Motor Cpt	82		1.4	4.0
67.20	UMECO	200 – 13		2.1	18.7
123.40	United Drugs Gp	99½ – 7½		1.4	22.8
149.60	Vardy (Reg)	300 – 3½		4.0	
115.50	WF Elect	2150		2.6	23.6
112.60	Wyko	152½ – 7		2.6	14.8
36.00	Young (HY)	160 – 6½		3.7	10.8

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
445.60	Anglogastor¶	283½ – 9		2.5	21.0
209.40	Accor Hldgs	333½ – 11½		4.4	10.0
10,057.60	Broken Hill	493 + 11½		3.9	14.4
17,799.70	BAT†	568½ + 14½		4.7	13.3
809.90	Bunzlay Inv	840 – 10		2.4	15.1
1,492.80	Cookson	915 – 7½		4.3	12.6
30.30	Dossitr	245 – 8		6.0	12.5
482.40	DCC†	995 – 17½		1.7	17.9
2,160.00	Gallcher	1135 – 30		2.7	14.0
10,944.90	Hutch Whamp	3025½ – 38½		4.1	
2,256.50	Imperial Tobt	4335½ – 13½		6.3	10.4
1,279.90	Jardine Matn	1170½ + 2½		8.7	8.2
116.50	Lonrho Africa	74 – 7		3.9	18.3
454.30	Powell Duffryn	524 – 38		6.3	12.6
130.90	Shanley	112½ – 7		10.4	6.5
2,128.10	Swire Pacific	2197½ + 41½		6.2	7.0
5,113.60	TT Group	3000½ – 40		3.4	11.6
3,884.10	Tomkins	336 – 18		3.6	14.0
48.00	Unidirect	143½ – 7½		6.7	12.3
134.30	Wardle Storeys†	322½ – 36		6.5	11.9
472.70	Wassall	303 – 17½		2.6	13.9
40.60	Whitecroft	90½		6.4	14.7

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,935.40	Bv Energy†	547 – 39		3.4	20.6
5,489.60	Barclay Group	992 – 10		3.1	17.3
5,639.50	Midland Grid¶	986 + 27		3.9	19.5
7,155.50	Midland Powr†	967 – 14½		6.0	17.8
5,118.10	PowerGen†	1793½ – ½		4.6	12.4
2,133.60	Hydro-Elec†	948 – 12½		4.5	11.9
6,249.40	Scottish Power†	930 – 8		4.8	12.9
2,521.10	Southern Elec	955 – 10		4.8	12.9
778.70	Yrndlan	994 – 7½		5.0	13.1

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
452.20	ARM Holdings	962½ + 55			...
78.90	Acatt	397½ + 28½		3.4	...
748.10	Admiral	1380 – 37½		0.3	
36.30	Aerosrch	47 + ½		1.3	
23.30	Arlen	93 + ½		4.9	10.9
262.30	Arlec	85 + ½		2.9	9.7
64.00	Atlas	60½ – 4½		7.0	
600.80	BICC†	143 – 9½		7.0	
6.74	Beales Hunter	82½		15.5	8.0
134.20	Bitch	438 + 12		4.2	14.0
1,075.20	Bowthorpe†	531½ + 48		2.3	20.3
4.39	Bulgin Ar	187½		9.5	9.6
27.10	CML Micro	170½ – 13½		5.4	
11.50	Chemrel Hldgs	112½ – 1½		17.5	3.9
114.40	Chloride	441 – 1		11.8	11.3
21.80	Clayhithe	107		7.5	11.8
148.30	Crichtwyt	910 + 7½		2.0	
393.50	Delary	262½ – 47½		6.1	10.3
108.80	Dialtrna	435 – 11		3.5	15.2
83.80	Dowding Mills	619½ – 6		8.6	11.5
91.30	Dratck	260 – 5		6.8	21.3
718.60	Electrolux 'B'	1005½ – 165½		9.4	25.7
29.40	Emtrls	27½ – ½		2.7	19.6
28,458.70	Ericsson 'B'	1505½ – 96½		0.8	34.4
425.20	Eurotherm	1100 – 40		2.3	18.5
368.00	Farnty Group	366½ – 46		3.2	10.5
208.20	Filtronic	425 + ½		0.5	28.4
5.21	Forward Tech	149½ – 14			
13,252.30	GEC	486½ – 28½		3.4	22.5
75.70	Ind Control	65 – 1½		7.2	19.6
7.15	Instals	17		7.3	
7.70	LPA	75½ – 2		4.0	23.9
829.70	Misys	784 – 74½			
55.30	Network Exprt	154 – 1		1.1	17.4
108.00	Oxford Inst	338½ – 10½		3.0	
159.30	Psion Micro	71½ – 10½		3.5	
17,506.60	Philips Lmp rv	5171½ – 38½		0.9	23.6
15.90	Pilkington	81½ – 8			
156.40	Premier	308½ + 8		1.8	22.5
17.20	Prosperit	30 – 2		4.6	8.4
189.20	Psion	258 + 37½		1.2	24.3
1,065.70	Racal Elect	374½ – 18½		2.8	20.5
17.00	Radamect	91½ – 6		4.2	20.1
259.40	Renishaw	452½ – 17½		2.5	26.5
3.87	Riddons	11½			
144.20	Roxboro	256½ – 22½		3.6	13.3
313.20	SDX Bus Sys	313½ – 7		1.0	38.8
26.00	Sarsoncm	252½ – 20		4.2	15.0
44.50	Silverstrkst	53		3.4	12.0
6,106.40	TDR†	4584½ – 6½		0.6	
12.80	TGI	58½ – 1		7.6	6.1
210.20	TLG†	112 – 1½		4.1	
12.00	Tadpole Tech	15½ – ½			
57.00	Telemectrx†	57 – 6		3.5	13.7
98.00	Telsoft	305½ – 13½			37.6
17.10	Thorpe FW	173½ – 14		4.4	7.2
14.10	Total Systems	135½ – 8		1.3	29.3
52.50	Tunstall	158		4.1	21.0
10.60	Ultnes Networks	18½ – ½		10.4	
284.70	Vanlw	92½ – 6½		0.1	
114.20	Vero	190 + 1½		3.8	17.1
36.50	Vigten Technology	80 – 1½		2.8	
165.50	Vistec	880 + 14		4.4	

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
43.00	ABM	292½ – 15		3.2	13.8
24.20	ASW	79 – 1			
84.60	Alumasc	210 – 7		5.1	9.5
144.00	Alvis†	193 – 19½		5.8	11.9
62.20	Ass & Lacy	189½		7.9	7.8
7.00	Aurstore Metal	70		9.8	4.5
1,793.50	BBA	423½ – 52		1.8	17.3
5,657.20	BTR¶	170½ – 4		5.6	11.2
40.30	BWI	88½ – 5		2.3	
152.90	Babcock	78½ – 5		2.3	
5.78	Bailey (CH)	18½			3.0
155.50	Baynes (Charles)	94 – 8		4.3	13.3
5.71	Beaufort	58 – 1		5.2	10.8
362.50	Bemrose	238 – 4½		3.8	9.9
234.20	Bertld Cr Un Ln	1019½ – 39½		1.2	24.1
1,017.80	Bodycote†	1052½ – 108½		1.2	18.9
3.40	Booth Inds	42½ + ½			7.1
11.60	Bossmy	154½ – ½			
24.40	Burgport	109 – 6		5.4	12.2
7,980.00	Br Aerospace	1456 – 33		3.8	19.6
2,775.40	Br Steel	140 – 5½		4.3	10.8
3.69	Brown Instt	127½ – 7½		5.1	6.8
12.50	Brunel	101½ – 6½		6.1	4.7
126.40	Bullough	104 – 2½		7.0	10.7
25.30	Carbo	118 – 2½		4.2	15.5
111.20	Carclo Eng	195 – 3½		3.8	10.8
23.70	Castings	214½ – 3		3.5	
18.00	Chamblins Hldt	207½ – 25½		4.1	
646.20	Charter	670 – 16½		4.7	21.8
39.90	Chemring	619½ – 6		6.8	11.5
20.70	Chrts (Edward)	140 – ½		6.4	21.3
1,045.80	Cobham†	1065 – 119½		1.6	27.9
2.80	Cohen (A)	350 + 10			
76.40	Concentric†	180 – 2		6.6	35.4
146.90	David Brown†	220½ – 13		5.2	13.1
268.10	Dbs	504 – 2		3.5	11.6
11.00	Elecs	28½ – 1½			
16.50	Energy Tech†	48 + 1½		3.9	
98.40	Expamet	195 – 3½		3.1	14.9
974.50	FKI	171 – 24		4.5	10.3
167.70	Fenner	183½ – 8		3.0	13.9
5.81	Ferrum	29½			
24.30	Finn Kings	30 – 2		10	22.6
222.90	Finn Rbson	157 – 16½		6.6	15.4
7.69	Flgtr	29½ – 1½		4.3



Food for thought: Pierre Levicky, the embattled restaurateur, is facing threats of legal action from francisees over alleged lack of controls

Perfect Pizza declares interest in bidding for Pierre Victoire

BY DOMINIC WALSH

PERFECT PIZZA, the home delivery pizza chain, is considering a bid for Pierre Victoire, the value-for-money French bistro chain that collapsed last week with debts of up to £10 million.

The company is investigating the possibility of a bid in conjunction with Gresham Trust, the venture capital arm of BAT that backed the £3 million management buyout of Perfect Pizza just under a year ago.

Paul Marson-Smith, deputy managing director of Gresham Trust, said: "We've got a bundle of information on Pierre Victoire and we're burning petrol going round the sites. We will think very hard before deciding whether to bid, but we've had a very close look."

He said that a successful bid for Pierre Victoire, which has 108 restaurants, would provide a boost to its plans for an eventual flotation. "It's a floatable entity now but with Pierre Victoire it would be a more exciting prospect with a broader offering."

But Perfect Pizza could face opposition in its bid. Wimpy, the hamburger chain, is believed to be interested, and there could be offers from quoted companies such as City Centre Restaurants.

Observers believe Grant Thornton, the receivers, will be lucky to get much more than £5 million for Pierre Victoire, given the poor performance of many of its sites and unrest among its 83 franchisees. Many have been threatening legal action against its founder, Pierre Levicky, over alleged lack of controls and poor support systems.

However, Mr Marson-Smith pointed out Perfect Pizza had faced similar problems this time last year, adding: "Under previous owners, franchisees had no confidence in the strategy. Now there is a focus and everyone is pulling together."

When Gresham Trust backed the Perfect Pizza buyout, with a total funding package worth £5.5 million, turnover was around £26 million and profits were negligible. "Turnover is now around £38 million and in terms of profits we've just achieved our year-three business plan after just a year," Mr Marson-Smith said.

Even if its interest comes to nothing, he believes Perfect Pizza could still be floated in 12-18 months with a likely market value of between £30 million and £40 million. By that time he expects to have increased the number of outlets by around 40 to 240, of which some 10 would be company-owned. The company is 60 per cent owned by Gresham Trust, with the balance held by management led by the chairman, Geoff Street, the former boss of Prontaprint, and Tony Sheriff, managing director.

The only other party to have hinted at a possible bid for Pierre Victoire is Mr Levicky himself, although most observers are sceptical of his chances of securing backing.

No net gain leaves football's investors rueing an own goal

Gavin Lumsden tackles the failure of football's only investment fund to find its targets

Football fans will be hoping that England and Scotland fare better in the World Cup than investors in the UK's only football fund have done.

Hapless investors who bought into the Singer & Friedlander Football Fund at its high-profile launch in February 1997 have lost more than 13 per cent of their money. From a starting point of £28 million, the fund, which has Alan Hansen, the television pundit and former Scotland international as an adviser, has shrunk to just £22.2 million.

The fall means that fans who bought the hype with a £1,000 minimum investment 16 months ago will have less than £870 in the fund today. However, because of the fund's charges, disgruntled investors who sell now will only get £800, a 20 per cent reduction. An own goal if ever there was one. (Source: Reuters Funds Information.)

The record is all the more disappointing because the fund is still not fully invested and holds an incredible 16 per cent of investors' money in bank and building society deposits where it is safely earning interest. Two months ago it held 30 per cent in cash.

Tony Fraher, managing director of Singer & Friedlander Investment Funds, admits the performance has been poor but says the fund has actually done well when compared with the football sector as a whole.

Mr Fraher likes to put the fund alongside its benchmark, the little-known Nomura "Footie" index. This measures the share price performance of all the football clubs listed on the Stock Exchange and has fallen an alarming 39 per cent since February 1997 as the City has become increasingly pessimistic about the profitability of football clubs.

This view has been based on concerns about spiralling player wages and uncertainty over the future of pay-per-view television, which had been expected to provide a lucrative income for clubs.

This is in sharp contrast with the three years before the fund's launch in which football clubs came to the market and enjoyed rapid share price rises.

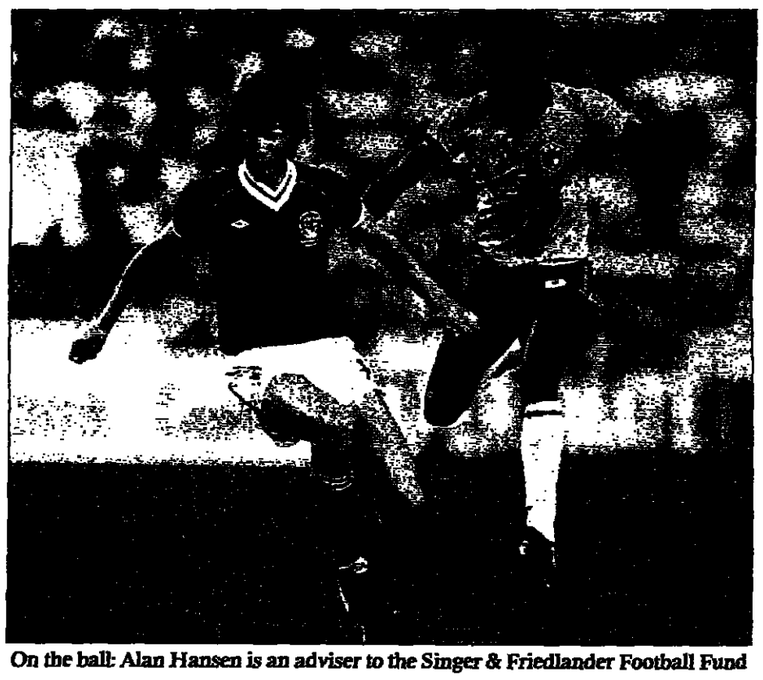
Faced with such a reversal the fund has been playing a defensive game putting its biggest stakes in top UK clubs such as Manchester United, Celtic and Arsenal as well as European clubs such as Ajax Amsterdam and Lazio. It has also diversified into football-related businesses such as the broadcasters BSkyB and Carlton and Fila, the sportswear manufacturer.

Having launched the fund at the wrong time, Mr Fraher, who has a "significant" stake of his own money in the fund, is now promising fellow investors a game of two halves. "Football is the only truly global sport and its brand potential has barely been exploited. From a commercial point of view football is advertising. The real opportunities will come when television companies start to buy clubs to secure the broadcasting rights in the UK and Europe. When the first one goes the City will sit up and the share prices of the other clubs will go up. We always started off with this in view."

The clubs most likely to benefit from this attention, he reckons, are Celtic, Rangers, Liverpool, Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur, Aston Villa, Chelsea and Southampton.

It is not just the fund's 19,500 investors who are hurting from the depression in football stocks. Joe Lewis, the fourth richest Briton, with a fortune reputed to be £1.75 billion, has also taken a hammering this year. Mr Lewis, an Eastender who started in his family's catering businesss but built his fortune trading on the foreign exchanges, now lives in the Bahamas. Three years ago he took a 34 per cent stake in ENIC, a sleepy investment trust that he converted into a leisure management company holding stakes in European football clubs such as Rangers, Vicenza, AEK Athens and Slavia Prague.

The strategy proved successful quadrupling ENIC's share price to 292p in January, although it has since fallen to 186p.



On the ball: Alan Hansen is an adviser to the Singer & Friedlander Football Fund

BG dismisses talk of storage sell-off

BY MARTIN WALLER

BG, the pipeline company that was formerly one half of British Gas, has dismissed as "very, very premature" reports that the company is on the point of selling its gas storage business for as much as £1 billion.

It is thought NM Rothschild, the merchant bank, is drafting proposals for the break-up and sale of the business to as many as four different purchasers. The plan could be implemented if, as threatened, an inquiry by Ofgas, the industry regulator, into the storage arm is referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

A consultative document is due from Ofgas within a fortnight. A BG spokeswoman said any suggestion the business was already earmarked for sale was "very speculative". She added: "Ofgas has been carrying out an inquiry into the storage market that will be published shortly.

"They have made no secret of the fact that they may refer the issue to the MMC. No decision on the future of storage has been made and no decision could be made without regulatory or governmental approval. All this is very, very premature."

Rexam denies reports of bidding consortium

BY MARTIN WALLER

REXAM, the paper and packaging group once known as Bowater Industries, was last night pleading ignorance of weekend reports that a City consortium was planning a break-up bid.

Sources close to the company suggested that no approach had come from any investors suggesting the group should be sold and there had been no institutional pressure for change.

Rexam shares, along with most of the paper and packaging sector, have underperformed the rest of the market over the past year, and there have been rumours that the company could face a takeover bid.

Weekend reports suggested that a consortium of investors had been canvassing support from institutional holders for an approach to buy the group and sell off various businesses, including the building and engineering sides. It was claimed the potential bidders already had buyers lined up for some of these. The aim was to table an offer valuing Rexam at £1.5 billion. At Friday's market close the group was valued at less than £1.3 billion.

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CORPORATE PROFILE: *Legal & General*

THE FACTS

Premium income: £3.08 billion.
Inflow of funds for management: £6.96 billion.
Pre-tax profits: £610 million.
Worldwide funds under management: £62.3 billion.
Employees: 7,203.
Overview: Legal & General is an insurance company where the emphasis is on investment. Most of its business is savings linked, via pensions and endowment mortgages.

THE BOARD

Legal & General's chief executive is **David Prosser**, 54, who combines academic rigour with a grasp of practical realities. He joined L&G in 1988 as director in charge of investment management, after a career with Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, Sun Alliance, the insurer and the British Coal pension fund. He stepped up to chief executive in 1991. He is a fellow of the Institute of Actuaries and has a degree from University College of Wales.

Sir Christopher Harding, the non-executive chairman, is chairman of United Utilities, Newarthill, and the Prince's Youth Business Trust. He is a director of GEC and the Post Office.

The other key L&G executive directors are: **Anthony Hobson**, finance director, who is a non-executive director of Thames Water; **Robin Phipps**, sales and marketing director; **Andrew Palmer**, services director, who joined from Commercial Union ten years ago; and **David Rough**, director in charge of investments.

L&G's non-executive directors include **Rob Margetts**, vice chairman, who sits on the board of Imperial Chemical Industries and English China Clays. **Bernard Asher** is a director of Lonrho Africa, Remy Martin, Morgan Sindall and the London School of Economics. **Charles Bowen** is a director of Booker, and was formerly on the board of Hillsdown Holdings. **Barrie Morgan** is a director of Azlan and former head of IBM (UK). **Honor Chapman** is a partner in Jones Lang Wootton. **Alan Wheatley** is chairman of Foreign & Colonial Special Utilities Investment Trust, deputy chairman of Ashtead Group, a director of NM Rothschild and Babcock International. He is a Victoria and Albert Museum trustee.



The City is impressed with the way Legal & General has handled the pensions mis-selling scandal. But the company's role, says David Prosser, left, is to help those who can help themselves. Among the directors are Andrew Palmer, top, David Rough, bottom, and Anthony Hobson, right

Outside the City of London, Legal & General exudes the air of being emotionally wounded. Physically it is in good shape but the company's feelings, it seems, are hurt. It is as if it feels misunderstood.

The source of the disquiet is the pension mis-selling scandal of the 1980s. L&G knows the seriousness of the issue, but feels it has made every effort to put its mistakes right. It may not expect praise for righting its wrongs but it does feel unfairly treated by the opprobrium still piled upon it.

L&G feels particularly hard done by the new political establishment. It is too sensible to risk exacerbating this running sore by talking about it in public — or in private — but it has never quite got over the ear-bashing from Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, in the naming-and-shaming exercise that marked the minister's first action after Labour's election to Government.

Prior to May 1997, L&G was proud that it had done as much, if not more, than any in the industry to sort out pension mis-selling. Its efforts have continued since — perhaps most notably with its guarantee scheme for financially strong personal pension providers.

But if a bad odour surrounds L&G publicly and politically, the company's reputation in the City is top notch. The City is impressed with the way it has handled mis-selling, saying it has grasped the nettle and, as far as it can, has put the problem behind it.

The City also admires the way L&G has tackled the orphan asset question. Many life insurance and pensions institutions have accumulated funds far in excess of the liabilities they have to meet. The funds were acquired as promised payments to insurance and pension policyholders turned out to be less than expected and investment returns on money were greater. In L&G's case, the spare assets were £1.4 billion in 1996.

These "ownerless" assets were reclassified after tortuous negotiation with the Department of Trade and Industry. Under guidelines now accepted as standard, 90 per cent of the spare money is attributed to policyholders and the remaining 10 per cent goes to shareholders, as the original providers of capital.

The effect for L&G has been to give it the capital strength to promise generous and steady increases in the dividend over the medium term. For the City, healthy and sustained dividend growth translates into popularity. Significantly, not all life and pensions companies with what is a pleasant problem, have managed to resolve the issue.

L&G has ingratiated itself with the way it has handled its past, but it also impresses in its formulation of strategy for the future. It realised several years ago, that the days when the insurance/investment industry could earn fat margins on the back of consumer ignorance and inertia were numbered.

Advances in technology have simplified investment processes, and consumers have become more sophisticated and confident. As a result the pressure has increased for investment managers to reduce charges.

Other shifts have also taken place. In the last annual report Sir Christopher Harding, the chairman, spelt it out for shareholders. "Demographic and social changes are accelerating the need for people to take responsibility for their own welfare portfolio," he said.

The clearest manifestation of the change on the retail side has been the way in which "direct" investment channels have proliferated. Lower cost has also been the driving force behind demand — from retail and institutional clients — for index-tracking fund management. It is no accident, therefore, that L&G is big in direct marketing and index tracking.

Large parts of the life insurance, pensions and associated investment industry either does acknowledge the shift, or accepts change only grudgingly. As long as they can pump profit out of clients this will continue. L&G thinks differently. Of course it would prefer to sustain wide profit margins, but in L&G's analysis it is not sustainable. David Prosser, the chief executive, says: "You do not fight external circumstances, you recognise them and change to go with them."

Perhaps ironically, L&G's stance is in tune with large parts of the Government's thinking on retail savings. Like the Government, L&G believes the way forward is to provide simple, cheap, mass-market investment products.

In supplying these kinds of products private insurers like L&G will fill a more important role securing people's financial futures. But Prosser does not see the private sector replacing the State entirely. "We will work alongside the welfare state. It is part of a civilised society to have a safety net to protect the weakest." L&G's role, he says, is to help those who can help themselves.

The ambition to be cheap and cheerful is a far cry from L&G's beginnings. Its first insurance policy was written for Thomas Smith, a solicitor, who wanted £1,000 of cover on his own life. That was a lot of money in 1836, the year before Queen Victoria ascended to the throne: so was the premium, £44 9s 2d.

As its name suggests, L&G was formed to serve the legal profession. Its first office was in the heart of what is still London lawyerland, in Chancery Lane.

In the 1990s, while L&G has chosen the low-cost route for new products, it has not divorced itself completely from its more recent past. It distributes retail financial products through a tied sales force, independent advisers, as well as the direct method. Similarly, while half the funds it manages track indices, the other half — totalling a not insubstantial £30 billion — are actively cared for. A thriving venture capital arm is also testament to its commitment to active investment.

The structure on which L&G hangs the different elements of its business is designed around value for money and all parts take their cue from this central theme.

It is by increasing shareholder value, of course, that L&G has found most friends in the City. Over five years, L&G shares have increased in value four times, whereas the FTSE all-share index has doubled. L&G has also outperformed its arch rival, the Prudential.

Even in the bull market, even when financial companies have found favour, and even accounting for takeover speculation — which is consistently denied — L&G stock has done well. The trouble with financial success, however, is that it can breed suspicion among those to whom numbers are not highest priority.

L&G comes out favourably in both assessments by our independent consultants. Integrity Works rates it a "7" for ethical expression, while suggesting that the firm could describe its compliance arrangements in more detail. Prosser's total 1997 remuneration — including basic salary, bonus and share incentives — came to £1.2 million: almost exactly in line with that expected of a FTSE-100 company with L&G's profile.

ROBERT COLE

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"Legal & General has a good, solid life insurance business which is complemented by the enormously successful index-tracking fund management side. L&G may be in lower-margin areas, but strategically it is moving towards being the kind of insurance company the changing environment demands that it has to become."
Craig Bourke, Credit Lyonnais Securities

"The share rating underlines the City's positive view."
Roman Sizdyn, Merrill Lynch

"Legal & General has handled the question of increasing shareholder value demonstrably better than its larger rivals, especially the Prudential. I am particularly impressed by the way it has managed the orphan asset question and the way it has moved forward to finding resolution of the pension mis-selling scandal."
John Marr, Charterhouse Tilney Securities

OUR VERDICT

Ethical expression[1]	7/10
Fat-cat quotient[2]	9/10
Financial record	8/10
Share performance	9/10
Attitude to employees	8/10
Strength of brand	8/10
Innovation	7/10
Annual report	6/10
City star rating	9/10
Future prospects	7/10
Total	78/100

[1]Ethical expression is evaluated by *Integrity Works*. The [2]fat-cat quotient, in which best boardroom pay practice scores highest, is provided by *Crisp Consulting*.

AMP windfall shares net £8.90

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

POLICYHOLDERS of AMP who decided to sell their windfall shares immediately when the big Australian insurer floated on Sydney's stock market a week ago, received an average A$18.70, or £8.90, in the auction.

More than 171,000 UK policyholders who held on to their shares benefited from a strong rise as institutions bought the shares heavily in the first few days of trading. The opening price of A$16 had leapt to A$20 when the share closed on Friday.

The company said the opening 10 minutes of trading last Monday, when the price rocketed ahead to $45, had been disregarded as this did not reflect a normal market.

As recently as October, shares were expected to open at A$10.37 at the most, valuing the average windfall at just pounds £3,000. In May, AMP revised the figure, saying its 1.7 million worldwide members could expect the opening price to be as high as A$16.

The price offered to the 200,000 policyholders across the world who elected to sell their shares through a free dealing facility, the so-called "facility price", is based on the opening price plus the average increase registered in the first five days of trading.

In exchange for free dealing, the facility price was capped at no more than 20 per cent over the A$16 base price — or A$19.20. This limits windfalls to a £4,043 average.

By contrast a further 375,000 had agreed to buy A$1,000 of extra shares rather than sell. They will benefit from the capped facility price, which allows them to buy extra shares at less than market value.

The British gainers from AMP's listing include 94,000 members of London Life, which AMP took over, and 77,000 members of AMP UK. The size of the payout depends on the amount of money in the policy and the length of time it has been held. Policyholders with Pearl, the company's other UK acquisition, are not entitled to windfalls.

Nasdaq awaits merger vote

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK



Wall Street changes are afoot

NEW YORK'S Nasdaq market and its cousin, the American Stock Exchange, find out this week if their merger will get the go-ahead in a vote of exchange seat-holders.

The two smaller Manhattan exchanges are linking up to rival the mighty New York Stock Exchange. The merger would also entail the introduction of automated trading in America.

The merged exchange is planning to install a computer system that will automatically match buy and sell orders. Trading pits where specialists and floor brokers shout orders and shred tickets could be abolished.

If such a move was successful it could trigger a similar change at the New York Stock Exchange, the world's most famous trading floor and Manhattan's most frequently televised spot.

The merger is essentially a takeover of the American Exchange by the Nasdaq market. Nasdaq lists technology stocks that have done well recently while the American Exchange has been losing blue-chip members to the main exchange for years.

The members of the American Exchange who own the floor seats will vote on the merger plan on Thursday. The Nasdaq market is already screen-based but American Exchange floor traders are likely to lose their jobs in the conversion to order-driven trading.

Nasdaq is the second biggest stock exchange in the US and the American Exchange is number three.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

1998 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
140½	74½	16.50	AFA Systems	137½	+ 1	...	..
133½	120½	18.10	AMCO Corp	126½	+ 2½	6.9	6.1
157½	144½	9.56	ATA Group	147½	...	...	14.2
271	300	36.60	Access Plus	218	− 5	2.7	21.0
342½	225	41.70	A de Gruchy	280	...	3.8	16.4
7¼	3½	3.86	Aircan Gold	3¼	...	..	21.1
78½	36½	29.10	Albemarle & Bd	76½	+ 9	0.8	25.2
43½	30½	11.90	Alizyme	33½	+ 2	...	
102½	82½	15.80	Ambient Media	82½	− 6½	...	.
325	192½	12.50	Ambishus Pub Co	200	− 21½	..	...
108½	103½	39.00	Anglo Sibm Oil	107½		...	.
111	72½	3.32	Anglo-Welsh	107	− 1½	3.5	.
612½	580	99.80	Ann St Brewery	610	..	4.4	11.0
1235	1185	7.17	Ann St Cv Pf	1210	+ 5	6.6	...
107½	74½	68.90	Antonov	90	− 6¼	..	...
110½	100½	21.20	Aortech	104½		...	...
100	85	4.42	Aram Resources	85	− 10	6.2	..
90	50	6.63	Archer Dedicated	65	..	1.5	...
485	236¼	106.10	Ask Central	467½	...	0.3	55.2
72½	62½	1.30	Athelney Trust	72½	...	1.9	...
24¾	13	17.50	Atlantic Caspian	17¼	− 1½	..	.
68½	47½	36.10	Avalon Oil	47½	...	..	...
162½	124	50.10	BATM Adv Comms	161	...	1.9	...
238½	156½	40.90	BCO Technologies	228½	− 8	...	...
317½	220	43.30	BGR	277½	+ 2½	1.3	28.7
12¾	6½	3.22	BKG Res	8	..	.	
3¼	2	1.47	Bakery Services	2	...	...	46.9
109½	47½	16.90	Barbican Health	87½	− 5	...	...
10	7¼	22.90	Barrasford	8½	..	..	
2	1½	3.30	Beachcroft	1¾	..	3.6	10.2
2¼	1	1.94	Beaufort	1	− ¼	8.5	10.1
44	29	4.44	Bickerton	29	− 1½	..	17.4
117½	67½	1.66	Billam	103½	..	6.4	27.9
53½	48½	4.32	Bilston Bosses	48½	..	1.9	.
1½	1¼	7.08	Birchin Intl	1¼	...		
0¾	0¼	0.07	Birchin Wts	0¾	...	..	.
44½	30½	16.50	Birmingham City	33	+ 1½	..	...
67½	44½	4.75	Blakes Clothg	47½	..	2.6	...
156½	68	16.10	Bond Intl Soft	118½	− 8	..	32.9
325	235	2.15	Bowness Lels	307½	− 17½	3.0	10.9
37½	20½	5.33	Brancote Hdgs	27½	...	..	
105	90	3.82	Br Bloodstock	91	...	2.7	11.0
25½	17½	2.62	Buckland Invs	21½	...	..	.
12	10	0.09	Buckland Inv Wts	12		...	...
262	207	26.30	CA Coutts Hldgs	220	+ 13	2.0	17.3
170	145	10.40	C & B Publishing	145	− 10	..	41.1
109½	108½	0.09	CCI Founder Shs	109½	...	2.9	...
165½	112½	1.01	CCI Hldgs	112½	...	2.8	...
235	193	11.40	Cafe Inns	228½	− 4½	1.8	14.7
60	45	5.54	Caledonian Tst	45	..		6.1
19	10½	2.81	Cambridge Min Res	10½	− 1	..	
2½	2	3.38	Cambury Inv	2¼	...	..	..
0¾	0½	0.88	Cambury Inv Wts	0¾	...	...	..
6	5	1.21	Captain OM Watts	6	+ ¼	...	
2	1	0.08	Captain Warrants	2	+ ½	...	
87½	40½	76.70	Card Clear	58	+ 3	0.5	28.0
54½	45½	4.70	Carisbrooke Ship	46½	..	2.7	41.6
55	44	2.64	Cassidy Bros	48	.	7.8	...
78½	49½	3.41	Cavendish W	77½	..	2.9	32.0
13	8½	5.83	Celebrated Group	9½	− 2	...	..
£345	£185	73.50	Celtic	£245	..	..	7.0
£325	£195	37.90	Celtic Pf Shs	£205	−2000	1.8	...
101½	71½	22.20	CI Comms(TV)	101½	+ 3	3.8	11.8
86½	47½	17.30	Charlton Athl	61	...	..	...
14¼	8¼	11.80	Charterhouse Cms	11¼	...	2.8	13.9
115	74½	117.50	Chelsea Village	75	...	..	...
29	14¾	121.50	Chorion	23¾	− 2¼	...	...
122½	100½	41.10	Citadel	121	..	0.5	...
82	74	15.50	City Gourmets	74	...	...	...
113	85	0.94	Clan Homes	105	..	..	39.0
28½	20½	20.00	Coffee Rep	21	− ½	...	...
268½	117½	35.00	Coming	267½	...	1.2	...
497½	307½	7.38	Com de Pr Fin	307½	...	3.8	...
325	142½	25.20	Computerland UK	274	− 28½	0.8	30.4
19½	12½	7.28	Concurrent Tech	15	...	1.7	...
100	100	0.25	Conc Tech A Pf	100	...	...	...
100	100	0.20	Conc Tech B Pf	100	...	...	...
150	150	1.01	Conc Tech Rd Pf	150	...	...	...
225	225	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225	...	..	...
46½	36	10.20	Conister Tst	45½	.	5.5	11.5

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3¾	1¾	3.90	Corporate Exec	2½	...	..	22.2
15½	13½	6.21	Craos Intl	14½	...	...	..
153½	146½	7.70	Cresco Intl	151		..	...
230	190	3.36	Crown Eye	210	− 2½	7.4	56.9
31½	19½	1.51	Dalkeith Invs	31½	...	..	11.1
287½	242½	11.80	Dawn Til Dusk	245	− 10	1.5	19.5
400	198½	24.60	Deep Sea Leisure	390			
6¼	2¾	7.11	Deolmaster	5½	..	2.0	22.0
495	126½	125.00	Desire Petroleum	364	− 21	...	..
79½	57½	8.45	Digital Anmtn	57½	..	...	...
32½	21½	14.30	Dimension Res	21½		...	...
10½	3½		Dimension Wts	9½	..	...	...
135½	94½	9.87	Delyn Group	113½	− 2	2.2	..
32½	16½	3.67	Dmatek	19½		...	...
406	292½	21.40	Dobbies Garden	325	− 22½	1.7	19.4
263½	160½	30.20	Dragons Health	251½	− 12	0.8	34.0
3¼	2	1.77	Drings of Bath	2	...	...	12.9
275	217½	7.70	Durlacher	275	...	...	54.8
34½	34½	3.38	Eagle	34½	...	...	...
210½	73½	33.90	Easynet	165½	− 4	...	..
330	160	39.20	Elec Retail Sys	165	− 15	...	...
103	77	26.70	Enterprises	98		5.9	7.0
21½	11½	4.78	Epic Multimedia	20½	+ ¼	..	..
45	45	14.10	Epicure Netwks	45		...	.
95	52	2.42	Eurasia Mining	65½	− 4		
387½	165	33.80	Euro Sales Fn	387½			28.1
3	2¾	3.38	Fairplace Cons	2¾	...	1.6	23.3
280	200	7.02	Farlake	270		0.9	19.1
77½	52½	14.20	Fayrewood	67½	− 7	2.4	19.2
413½	110½	143.70	Fibernet	368½	− 15	...	...
27½	20½	1.27	Fielders	25½	+ 1	..	47.3
393½	223½	125.50	Fitness First	381½	− 12	..	..
130	95	3.12	Flomerics	120		3.1	...
100	32½	1.04	Floral St	32½		...	...
22½	22½	4.72	FNR Hldgs	22½	...		
102½	87½	9.26	Formscan	87½	− 4	3.9	10.0
188½	107½	12.10	Fountain Forestry	134½		2.6	18.9
39¾	29	190.70	Freepages	38¾	− ¾		...
205½	179½	13.60	Furlong Homes	205	+ ½	3.4	8.4
99½	28½	3.39	Future Intl Telep	30½			...
260½	176½	22.70	GB Railways	258½	+ 1	2.4	13.7
47½	37½	4.95	GR Hldgs	37½			24.3
62½	45½	17.10	Gall Thomson Env	55	− 2	2.8	11.3
179½	105½	134.40	Garland W&B	154½	+ ½	1.9	8.5
36½	35½	1.44	General Inds	36		...	...
26½	15	30.00	Gold Mns Sard	22½	− ¾	...	...
17¼	9	7.77	Gold Mns Sard Wts	14¼	− ¾	...	...
7	1½	23.80	Golf Club	5		...	9.9
171½	133½	25.40	Gooch & Housego	156½	+ ½	1.2	24.4
20½	14	2.73	Griffin Mining	19½	− ½	..	...
4½	2½	0.06	Griffin Mng Wts	4½		..	...
2¾	2½	2.50	Grosmont Hldgs	2½		...	...
1¼	1	1.20	Grosmont Hldgs Wts	1		...	...
15	11½	2.77	Grosvenor Ltd	11½	...		64.5
175	170	38.60	Gotton	171		3.8	13.6
6¼	5¼	2.01	Hansom	5¼			
230	142	21.20	Hardy Underwtg	230	..	3.6	10.1
3¼	2¾	3.94	Hartford	2¾	..		..
89½	44½	3.71	Hat Pin	82½	...	1.5	
405	325	8.51	Heavitree	405	...	2.3	20.4
285	275	12.00	Heavitree A	285	...	3.3	14.3
85½	62½	3.75	Helicon Pubg	63½			...
415	275	26.10	Hercules Prop	390		0.8	18.0
145	77½	23.90	Highams Sys	135	− 10	0.9	..
135½	122½	10.80	Highland Timber	122½			
80	60	1.10	Hertingham	89	− 1	1.8	40.8
97½	87½	5.86	Hydro-Dynamic	87½		5.3	10.0
83½	48	10.00	IES	58	+ 9½	1.7	..
390	145½	17.80	I S Solutions	370		0.3	...
612½	137½	107.70	Indpt Energy	605	− 2½		..
86½	63½	13.40	Indpt Radio	75			
332½	192½	77.50	Infobank Intl	310	− 2½	...	..
98½	84½	20.20	Inner Workings	95½			...
125	32½	0.87	Integrd As Mgt	33½	+ 1	...	..
62	24	17.60	Intelligent Env	57	− 1	..	...
402½	330	22.10	Inter-Alliance	402½		...	...
7	6¼	15.20	Int Tool & Sup	6¼		..	..
189½	37½	72.90	Internet Tech	173½	− ½	...	..
647½	372½	85.50	Intl Greetings	647½	+ 27½	1.4	23.2
172½	65½	15.60	IOC Intl	66½	− 3	...	

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315	148	13.60	ITG Group	310	− 1	..	..
255	225	21.40	JSB Software Tech	226½	...	..	..
97½	94½	18.90	James R Knowles	95	− 1½	3.4	..
49½	43½	3.96	Jardinerla Ints	45	..	..	...
210½	164½	8.62	Jasmin	196	− 1½	..	11.2
416	335	25.50	Jennings Bros	345	− 10	2.8	24.7
4	2½	3.80	J Lewis Hlord	2¾		4.9	11.9
62½	45½	12.50	Jordec	60	− ½	..	14.0
46½	17½	5.43	Jumbo Intl	38½	...	...	..
3	1¼	3.77	Just Group	1½			
319½	105½	130.10	KS Biomedix	289	+ 4	...	...
42½	37½	4.31	Kam River	37½		...	...
55½	24½	2.80	Keystone Soft	25	+ ½	...	...
25½	9½		Keystone Wts	10	+ ½	...	
193½	158½	18.50	Kingfisher Ls	190½	+ 3	1.3	16.9
253	122½	9.81	Lady in Leisure	233½	− 10½	...	26.9
260	122½	11.10	Landround	247½	− 3½	1.9	22.1
28½	8½	3.10	La Senza	9¼	− 1¾	..	...
427½	410	28.90	Lawrence	412½	− 2½	2.4	15.8
4750	3750	90.20	Lavrie Group	4750	..	2.1	7.0
95½	50½	3.74	Lepco	50½	− 3½	..	19.9
592	490	98.10	Le Riches Strs	591	+ 36	5.7	...
495	495	9.90	Loades	495	. .	0.3	14.3
31½	16½	7.20	Loftus Road	16	.	...	..
9¾	6¼	2.95	Lon & Edin Publ	9¼		...	...
135	87	2.58	London Town	103	− 7	2.7	7.5
191½	127½	6.32	Longbridge Intl	191½	+ 3	3.3	...
144½	123½	4.45	Longmead	123½	...	5.1	8.4
27½	22½	5.22	Loox	22½		..	
2	1¼	2.62	Lotteryking	1½	...	..	42.5
1	0¼	0.09	Lotteryking Wts	0½	...	..	..
36½	29½	3.66	MMS Petroleum	30	− 2½	..	.
23¾	5½	15.20	Magnum Power	16	+ ½	...	...
517½	376½	66.00	Majestic Wine	500	− 2½	0.9	35.4
9½	5	4.95	Manx & O'seas	8¼	+ 1	...	50.0
55½	46½	7.10	Market Link Pb	48	+ ½	0.8	12.9
115	90	2.07	Matrix Hlthcare	90	− 12	8.3	15.4
13¾	11¼	4.36	Mears Group	11¾	− 1¾	3.4	9.5
38½	20½	57.70	Medisys	34½	− 1		
65½	47½	34.70	Megalomedia	47½	− 1½	0.5	19.6
56½	38½	0.44	Megalomedia Wts	40	− 2½	..	.
38	21½	36.80	Memory Corp	33	+ 5	..	.
73½	60½	60.50	Metalsrussia	60½		...	.
65½	53½	4.56	Methven's	53½	...	...	..
11½	11	3.99	Metrodome	11	...	..	...
85½	45½	29.60	Minorplanet	75	+ 13½	.	..
85½	69½	4.73	Mondas	77½	..	..	...
380	280	31.00	Moorepay	265	..	2.3	30.0
124	67½	8.32	Mountcashel	109½	− 5½		
70½	35	11.30	Mulberry Group	54½	+ 1	3.4	11.1
3¾	2	2.33	MultiMedia	3¼	.	...	.
15¼	14	1.04	NECA	14	..	4.5	...
67½	47½	25.20	NMT	64	− ½	...	.
78½	52½	5.25	NRP	70	+ ½	2.2	...
375	184½	39.30	Nab Retail Sys	356	+ 4½	0.4	..
225	150	13.00	NWF Grp	165	− 2	6.1	8.9
195	155	12.60	Nash (Wm)	180	...	5.6	6.5
260	260	9.10	Neill Clark	260	...	1.8	. .
65½	51½	9.49	Netcall	57½	...	..	
80	80	1.52	Nothomes	80	..	...	24.8
25	12½	2.31	Nthn Petlm	12½	− 3	..	..
80½	48½	4.57	Northsea Sec	72½	...	...	...
55½	23	0.95	Northstar Sec Wts	47½	...	...	...
163	129½	116.40	Nursing Home	163	+ 3	6.3	21.9
2¼	1¼	1.12	Omnimedia	2¼	.	..	.
36½	14½	0.97	On Line	29½	..	..	
227½	137½	16.00	Optoplast	183½	.	2.1	12.9
21	10¾	18.10	Oxford Biomedica	15½	− 1	...	..
1¼	0½	8.74	Pacific Media	0¾		..	..
39½	11½	5.44	Pan Andean Res	11½	− 2	..	
245	235	5.86	Park Ests(Liv)	245	+ 7	5.1	19.6
132½	77	6.33	Peel Hotels	126½	− 4½	..	
21	14½	8.28	Pembertons	17¼	..	..	
183½	127½	11.10	Pennant Intl	168½	.		21.2
44½	35½	8.74	Personal No Co	43½	− 1		..
155	85½	41.90	Petra Diamonds	125	− 7	..	...
122	80	1.48	Petra Dmnds Wt	89	− 6	...	...
30½	12½	11.10	Philippine Gd	16½	.		.
62½	47½	11.30	Pital Tech	47½	− 7	3.2	10.6

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148½	106½	29.50	Polymasc Pharms	147½	+ 14	...	..
1½	0¾	1.64	Pordum Foods	0¾	...	...	...
1	0¾	0.16	Pordum Fds Wts	0¾	...	...	...
16	12¼	11.80	Premier Asset Mgt	13½	+ ¼	...	...
7	3¾	197.10	Prestbury Group	5¾	− ½	0.7	23.2
445	425	9.03	Preston Nth E	430			
97½	94½	15.10	Primary Hlth Pr	94½	− ½	6.0	30.7
490	344	110.10	Prism Rail	435	− 9	2.6	..
46½	33½	28.40	Proteome Scies	36½	− 1½		
107½	80½	12.70	Pycraft & Arnold	81½	− 1	1.5	13.3
118½	76½	18.40	Q Group	110	− 4	0.6	12.3
847½	630	200.70	Ramco Egy	662½	− 20	..	...
9	6½	10.00	Range Cooker	8	+ ¼	..	7.2
117½	77½	16.80	Raphael Zm	112½	− 2	2.8	14.8
67½	33	6.08	Recycling Servs	37½		1.7	64.7
19½	5½	1.94	Reflec	6½	+ ½		
7	5	6.12	Revelation Plc	6½	+ ¼	5.8	6.9
20½	16	11.40	Riceman Insce	17¼	...	..	16.5
111½	102½	5.80	Romtec	111½	...	4.7	...
357½	175	27.30	SBS	317½	...	0.9	32.0
152½	125½	16.50	SCI Ent	130		...	...
14½	4½	1.49	SEA Multimedia	6	+ 1½	...	...
110	65½	8.52	Safestore	84½	− 3½	...	...
69½	52½	5.69	Sanctuary Music	57½	+ 5	...	...
127½	112½	6.50	Savoy Asset Mgt	127½		4.0	15.7
243½	165½	40.90	Science Sys	240½	− 3	0.8	...
11½	7½	1.22	Scotswood Inds	11½	...	...	...
3	1¾	5.09	Screen	2		...	...
305	305	14.60	Scrutons	305	...	5.3	57.8
42½	42½	8.29	Selector	42½			
190½	170½	12.10	Shellbane	170½	.	3.3	10.8
87½	69½	4.50	Shelton (M)	65	..	6.5	..
47½	13½	89.00	Sibir Energy	13½	− 1	...	...
4¼	3	6.80	Sira Bus Serv	3	− ¼	2.5	11.4
1¼	0¾	0.19	Sira Bus Wts	1		...	
1½	0¾	5.05	Snakeboard	0¾	− ¼	...	...
72½	40½	2.55	Solid State Sp	40½	− 12	3.1	...
265	190½	12.10	Solitaire	262½	+ 5	2.9	23.9
28½	14½	2.58	Soundtracs	25½	...	2.0	...
3½	2	4.90	South Beach Cafe	2¾	− ¼	...	...
847	740	204.70	Southern News	842½	+ 4	3.1	16.5
94½	82½	16.30	Southern Vectis	82½	− 2	3.2	12.8
950	327	91.40	Stallware	720	− 92½	0.3	66.9
157½	77	16.60	Stanford Rook	83½		..	..
196½	104½	23.00	Stentor	196½	...	...	...
71½	37		Stentor Warrants	71½	...	...	...
174½	125	26.10	Styles Hldgs	165	− 5½	0.7	...
145	140	14.10	Sutton Harbour	141	− 2½	3.1	19.1
9	6	0.80	Sysl Integ Rsch	6		...	
23	9	2.32	TDS Circuits	11	− ¼	...	4.5
67½	20½	8.83	Theo Fennell	54½			
5¾	5	10.30	Thomas Potts	5¾	+ ¼	3.5	43.2
41½	28½	4.17	Tom Hoskins	40½			
117½	95½	15.50	Total Office	96½	− 1	5.3	...
70	20	5.92	Tradepoint Fcl	20½	..	...	..
102½	100½	15.30	Tricorder Tech	100½	...	..	.
160	140	5.60	Trinity Care	140	..	4.7	.
170	150	1.33	Trinity Care Pf	150	..	6.2	
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Eleventh-hour push by BA for American Airlines tie-up

BY JON ASHWORTH

BRITISH AIRWAYS was engaged in last-minute lobbying over the weekend as the European Commission prepared to deliver its long-awaited verdict on BA's proposed alliance with American Airlines.

Karel Van Miert, the European competition commissioner, is expected to finalise his response to BA-American this week, although the formal announcement is thought to have slipped by a week to July 1. Brussels is expected to demand that BA give up 260 to 280 take-off and landing slots at Heathrow — compared with an initial figure of 353 slots — as the price for winning approval for the alliance.

European regulatory approval for the alliance rests with the Department of Trade and Industry, but Brussels demanded an input at the threat of recourse to the European Court. The DTI, which originally accepted a recommendation that BA-American divest 168 slots at Heathrow, will either endorse the Brussels decision immediately, or take issue with some of the recommendations. The focus will then shift to Washington.

BA and American together hold about 42 per cent of slots at Heathrow. Distributing slots would allow competitors access, and dilute BA-American's grip on 60 per cent of the transatlantic market.

BA insists it should be compensated for slots it surrenders. Brussels says there should be no compensation. Allowing BA to divest slots over two to three years, limiting the financial impact, is a likely compromise.

BA continued to lobby hard over the weekend, saying it would walk away from the alliance if the price was deemed too high. Bob Ayling, the BA chief executive, has admitted that delays in approving the alliance have allowed the carrier to profit at the expense of its competitors. Premium air fares have risen sharply on transatlantic routes in the past two years, providing BA with a "cushion" against future loss of earnings.

BA gave warning that the loss of slots would give rise to substantial job losses, although it declined to elaborate.

Brussels is expected to follow the lead of the US Department of Justice (DoJ), in calling for a "carve out" of services on the six non-stop city pairs on which BA and American compete: London to New York, Boston, Miami, Chicago, Los Angeles and Dallas/Fort Worth. It may call for BA to reverse its policy on UK travel agents, who are being pressurised to boost sales to achieve higher levels of commission. Brussels may also demand guarantees about access to reservations systems.

The DoJ has recommended that Heathrow be opened to 24 new daily round-trip flights. At least eight daily slot pairs should be made available on London-New York alone — sufficient to allow two new entrants four round trips each. The DoJ gives warning that the alliance as proposed will "significantly reduce competition" on many city pairs. The final word on the deal rests with the US Department of Transportation.

The US and UK Governments are separately negotiating a new "open skies" air treaty, allowing greater access to Heathrow, but such a treaty is meaningless without availability of slots.

Alstom set to list amid fears over Asian crisis

BY ADAM JONES

THE Asian crisis has cast a shadow over one of the biggest stock market debuts this year, that of Alstom, the trains and power stations manufacturer formerly known as GEC Alsthom, which will be valued at between £4.1 billion and £4.7 billion when trading in its shares starts today.

As well as the Eurostar, the company also builds locomotives for France's high-speed TGV railway, trains for the Paris Metro and has recently won a contract to supply tilting trains for Virgin's Glasgow-London service.

But 21 per cent of Alstom's export business is tied up in Asia, and some analysts are concerned that this business could be hit if the yen and other Asian currencies continue to depreciate.

A spokesman for GEC, which has shared ownership of the company with Alcatel in France since the two companies' energy and transport operations were merged in 1989, said: "We are obviously keeping an eye on this region, but so far not one of our contracts has been cancelled."

The share price will be fixed initially between £19.50 and £22.50. Alstom's primary listing will be in Paris, with listings also in London and New York.

An Alstom spokesman denied this was a snub to London: "It was always going to be domiciled in France." He said the US and UK listings would mean that the company complies with the best international standards of disclosure.

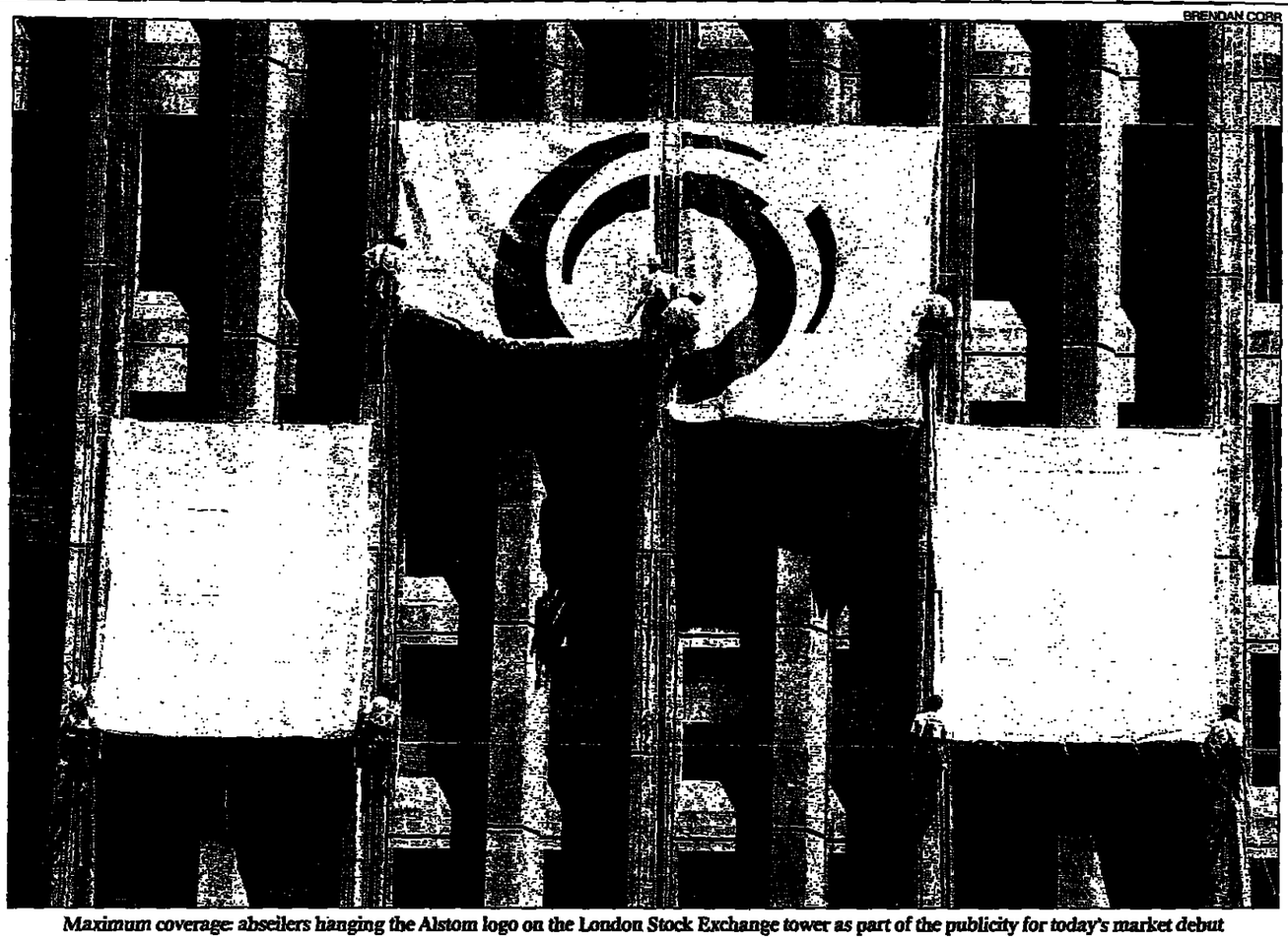
However, a UK analyst said: "The compliance requirements for the Paris bourse are perhaps not quite as stringent as London or New York."

Alcatel and GEC will own between 21 and 24 per cent of Alstom each after the float.

The start of trading will be attended by publicity drives in all three companies to raise awareness of the Alstom name, which was deliberately rewritten because it was easier to pronounce internationally than Alsthom.

The London Stock Exchange tower will be adorned with banners which will be unfurled to reveal the new company name by 15 abseilers. Wall Street will play host to a life-size model of the TGV train bursting out of the pavement.

Qualifying GEC shareholders were allowed to apply for up to £1,000 of shares. Last year the company announced reportable profits of £200 million, an increase of 24 per cent on 1996, on sales that were up by 18 per cent.



BRENDAN CORR

Maximum coverage: abseilers hanging the Alstom logo on the London Stock Exchange tower as part of the publicity for today's market debut

Paris analysts complain of being snubbed

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THE Alstom flotation has been hit by a dispute with French financial analysts covering the listing who claim they have been snubbed by Anglo-Saxon banks advising the company.

The French Society of Financial Analysts (SFAF) is angry at what it says is the "highly unusual" decision not to hold a meeting to brief its members in Paris. They say that the snub is "incomprehensible" because the primary listing will be in Paris, where the engineer has its headquarters.

Martine Léonard, vice-president of the SFAF, said British and US analysts received access to senior executives at information meetings. "We have not," he said. "There is an inequality of treatment. It is difficult to understand because, when there is a flotation of this kind, there is almost automatically a meeting." She said her members put the lack of a Paris meeting down to the lead advisers being Goldman Sachs and Crédit Suisse First Boston. "They see it as part of the traditional antagonism between the French and the Anglo-Saxons," she said.

A spokeswoman for Alstom denied any "discrimination" against Parisian analysts, some of whom had been invited to the two meetings held in London for experts working for the 17 banks advising on the sale. She said that the group had provided information to analysts on request. "What the French analysts don't like is the fact they have had to come and ask for it," she said. She added: "With such a big international operation, we could not do it any other way."

Honeypot for America's shoppers is up for sale

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

AMERICA'S most popular tourist destination is for sale — as well as 520 separate stores. The Mall of America shopping centre in bleakest Minnesota is on the market for $600 million (£375 million).

Every year, 40 million Americans visit this temple to consumption, more than go to Disney World. Customers can listen to concerts by performers such as Huey Lewis instead of piped music.

The 4.2 million sq ft complex, in Bloomington, was built in 1992 for more than $650 million. It includes a theme park and an aquarium and is also a popular spot for weddings. Every year, more than 1,000 couples tie the knot there.

A week ago, a Minnesotan man interviewed two dozen women at the mall before choosing the one he would marry. David Weinlick, 28, had apparently become tired of being asked when he would get hitched. In 1994, he randomly picked June 13, 1998, but failed to find a bride by then. In Bloomington, however, he found Elizabeth Runze, his "mail-order" bride.

The mall owner, Teachers Fund, is trying to sell before the next recession while consumers are still flush with cash. A spokesman said: "The enormous success of Mall of America, plus the very favourable climate in the commercial real estate arena right now, make this an ideal time for maximising our investment."



Elizabeth Runze, the bride chosen at the Mall of America

PowerGen seeks a distributor

BY MARTIN WALLER

POWERGEN, the electricity generator, is believed to have revived hopes to fulfil a long-term ambition of buying one of the 12 regional distribution companies in England and Wales.

No one from the company was available for comment, but Ed Wallis, PowerGen's chief executive, has made no secret of his wish to buy a distributor and create a vertically integrated power business.

He is in talks with the American owner of East Midlands Electricity to buy the company for as much as £2 billion. The company is owned by Dominion Resources of Richmond, Virginia.

Weekend reports also suggested Mr Wallis was planning a Unilever-style merger of PowerGen with another big energy player in the US, Houston Industries.

Branson rules out ideal of a 'people's railway'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD BRANSON has ruled out involving the public in his £250 million flotation of Virgin Rail, which is likely to be announced this week.

The head of Virgin has been pressed by co-investors to widen the share offer to members of the public as well as institutions to create the concept of a "people's railway".

Mr Branson, following advice from Merrill Lynch, Virgin Rail's adviser, has decided that the idea would make too complicated a relatively small flotation. However, he is understood to be keen to study ways in which the public could be encouraged to buy into the company in the future.

Virgin executives were surprised by the strong public reaction to the Thomson Holiday flotation under which shareholders were offered 10 per cent discounts on holiday prices. However, Virgin Rail is understood to favour a scheme similar to P&O, the ferry company, which attracted private investors after the original flotation by offering generous discounts.

Mr Branson has been urged by Virgin Rail partners, including JP Morgan and Bankers Trust, to move swiftly, possibly by the end of July, to make the most of the City's upbeat assessment of the transport sector.

Virgin had hoped to make a July flotation partly on the back of John Prescott's announcement, originally set for tomorrow, of measures to encourage motorists to use public transport. However, the Deputy Prime Minister, has delayed publication of his White Paper until next month.

Virgin Rail, which runs the west coast mainline from London to Glasgow and the Cross Country network from Aberdeen to Penzance, is hoping to be one of the main beneficiaries of Mr Prescott's transport plans.

The west coast mainline in particular is seen as crucial in relieving congestion on the busy M6 and M1 and has already seen a 13 per cent increase in the number of passengers over the past year as motorists have faced heavier motorway traffic.

Mr Branson is keen on a flotation to secure an equity stake in Virgin Rail, which is to spend £500 million on new tilting trains, capable of travelling up to 140mph.

A further £500 million worth of orders for in-service maintenance and support is to be added to the contract for the 54 high speed trains.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Bin monetarism with the MPC

From Mr Thomas B. Haran

Sir, I read with dismay Janet Bush's article (June 15) on Professor Marris's contentions. The real issue is not the analysis of statistics, but the unnecessary and harmful existence of the Monetary Policy Committee.

Its practices are based on unsound monetarism. If you are paid in cash or credit to your bank account, you have not obtained anything for your services other than an acknowledgement. The goods and services relating to such acknowledgements are already at the points of sale at fixed prices. Thus, the notion that the quantity of these items can influence the future performance of the economy is patently absurd.

Interest rates should be allowed to fall until they reflect the demand for borrowing. Moreover, the principles of the Exchange Equalisation Account should be used to ensure that the exchange rates reflect the state of trade; this is necessary to stop the large-scale foreign speculation in sterling, which has been so damaging to our economy and is presently harming our exporters.

Inflation is not caused by the monetary system, but by outside practices, which, particularly to help the poor, must be stopped individually.

Business and industry should be able to look to the Bank of England for assistance and not have to live in continual anxiety over the uncertain decisions of the dithering MPC.

Monetarism should be dumped in the rubbish bin and the economic debate raised to a higher level.

Yours faithfully,
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Commercial logic should guide names

From Mr Paul Gadsby

Sir, there appears to be a move by Lloyd's managing agents to persuade names to limit liability by selling their capacity within the Lloyd's auction process and reinvesting the proceeds in the shares of Lloyd's quoted corporate vehicles. Recent correspondence suggests that names will be offered significant sums of money for such capacity. It will be interesting to see how this is realised. Whilst recognising the difference in capital provision, commercial logic suggests that the results of last year's auction do not justify the difference in selling capacity on a p/e ration of 1, to buy it back on the stock market in shares trading on a p/e ration of 30.

Yours faithfully,
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ScottishPower tops performance table

Shell, ScottishPower and BAA are leading *The Times*'s league of top UK companies, scoring highly across a range of issues, including financial performance, boardroom pay and the "City star rating" of senior executives.

Granada, Boots, Cadbury Schweppes and Legal & General, profiled today, command equally impressive scores in our weekly Corporate Profile series, which tracks the fortunes of FTSE 100 companies. Those trailing include BAT Industries and United Utilities, dragged down by poor performance and uncertainty over prospects.

Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine maker headed by Sir Ralph Robins, has seen its score revised from 61 to 67. Crisp Consulting, which independently calculates a "fat-cat" quotient based on boardroom remuneration, had suggested that Sir Ralph was paid more than twice the industry norm. It based its calculations on an incorrect measure of market size, and has revised its score from 4 to the maximum 10. The lower the score, the greater the perceived level of boardroom excess.

In two further amendments, BAA's Crisp score rises from 6 to 8, and Barclays's score doubles from 3 to 6. In each case, Crisp has reassessed the relevant experience of the highest-paid directors. This puts BAA on 78½ and lifts Barclays from 54½ to 57½. BAA wins praise for the quality of its management, led by Sir John Egan. Barclays fairs negatively on innovation and attitude to staff.

The series has evoked much interest in "ethical expression", which assesses how companies articulate their ethical values. The more enlightened the approach, the higher the score. Integrity Works, based in Wokingham, Berkshire, has found a wide divergence of approaches, ranging from "trying hard" to "serious neglect". Examples of laxity, it says, are perhaps surprising when question marks over a company's business principles can have a big effect on its reputation. Integrity Works cites this response from one big UK company: "People here get paid and promoted regardless of their business conduct standards." Not all comments were as inept, but the proportion was worryingly high. Too often, company spokesmen had only a hazy idea of the growing public interest in corporate ethics.

Integrity Works concludes: "Whatever the future for so-called social and ethical accounting, it is alarming to find leading UK companies demonstrating such levels of insensitivity to need for explaining what they stand for, and, more importantly, what they will not stand for."

Company annual reports are generally replete with declarations of ethical intent, but this is often where the matter rests. Integrity Works examines whether structures are in place to ensure that staff, investors, customers and others are aware of a company's ethical aims. At a minimum, this means publishing an ethics statement or code of conduct for all to see.

British Aerospace, Tesco and NatWest are among companies to attract high scores for ethical expression. Royal & SunAlliance was given just 1 point, reflecting a rather "leisurely" approach to defining its business principles. ScottishPower, the highest company in the league table so far, was given an "8" for ethical expression. The company has a creditable values statement emphasising what behaviour is acceptable and what is not.

ScottishPower was awarded the maximum 10 points for its lean boardroom, and was highly rated for financial and share performance. Shell was rated highly across all areas, with the exception of innovation and "City star rating" — the esteem in which the management is held by analysts and fund managers.

JON ASHWORTH

CORPORATE PROFILES: THE VERDICT SO FAR

ScottishPower	81½	British Energy	73	Rentokil Initial	62
Shell	79	Smiths Industries	73	BA	61
*BAA	78½	Halifax	73	Pearson	59
Legal & General	78	United News	71	RSA	58
Granada	78	3i	70	*Barclays	57½
Cadbury Schweppes	77	Unilever	69	Safeway	54
Boots	76	S&N	69	NatWest	54
Lloyds TSB	75½	*Rolls-Royce	67	United Utilities	54
BAe	75	Rio Tinto	67	BAT Industries	49
Schroders	74	ICI	67		
BG	74	Railtrack	66		
Asda	74	Abbey National	65		
Tesco	73	Norwich Union	65		
Reckitt & Colman	73	CU	63		

*Crisp Consulting has revised its scores upwards. In the case of Rolls-Royce, the Crisp score is increased from 4 to the maximum 10 points. The original model used an incorrect measure of market size.

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Among the problems caused by runaway inflation before the birth of the mark was the need for shopkeepers to use tea chests to store banknotes

Lessons of a currency that proved a mark of stability

Germany's postwar experience offers a good guide for the launch of the euro, says **Harold James**

Currencies do not have birth certificates. Perhaps fortunately, because there is a considerable dispute about what would be the entry for the paternity of the mark, born on June 20, 1948, and shortly to die, or be reborn in the euro. Was it a German currency reform, or an Allied one? British or American? Lord Annan later wrote that "no doubt Germany's recovery could not have begun without the currency reform imposed by British initiative". Ludwig Erhard built his career on the success of the German currency reform, and his role in it. In fact, Erhard was only told about the date of the currency reform in the afternoon of June 18, 1948, and was so outraged by American high-handedness that he threatened to resign.

The paternity dispute is intense because the new birth, the mark, was such a success. If it had been a failure, there would have been a very different kind of debate about who was responsible for bungling such a delicate operation. The Germans would have blamed the Allies, and the Americans might well have been able to say that it was simply all the fault of the 25-year-old "loot", Edward Tenenbaum, who was the real architect of the operation. But the American response to a failure would have been more likely to be that this simply represented the resurgence of a German national proclivity.

Germany before 1948 had a reputation for reckless finance, currency mismanagement and inflationism. The First World War had culminated in a dramatic hyper-inflation. Rearmament and then the fighting of the Second World War had produced a new round of currency debasement. The accumulation of savings that could not be used by consumers to buy goods constituted a tremendous monetary overhang. It seemed that the easiest and most effective way of dealing with this overhang was to have a new open inflation — to let prices rip in order to eliminate these excess balances.

But 1948, and the benign dictatorship of the US occupying authorities, turned the picture round completely: Germany henceforth became the model of responsible monetary management, or of what became known as a "culture of stability".

The two postwar successes of the German Federal Republic are linked: the stable currency and the stable democracy. Before 1948 Germans were known as bad managers of the currency and poor democrats. A consensus that a stable currency is a political good helps to produce more honest political discussions, because there is a reduced temptation to think that agreements can be reached, compromises drawn, by spending more and letting the note presses do the work of establishing political harmony. Political agreements reached in this way are precarious, and — as the case of Weimar Germany shows — eventually impose impossible and unsuitable burdens on the political process.

The new stability symbolised a self-limitation in German politics. The mark was stable because its institutional setting limited politically seductive opportunities for fiscal and monetary expansionism.

It is remarkable how quickly the German economic miracle made for an internalisation of the values of stability. In this regard, the role of the mark was quite the opposite of the international history of the US dollar. For the United States, the dollar frequently appeared as more than simply a national symbol. It was a weapon in international politics, as the United States was able to threaten dollar depreciation as a way of enforcing its trade policy. The dollar stood for what could be obtained by politics, rather than for the limitations on political action. To use a popular American phrase, the dollar is a "can do" currency (while the mark was a "cannot do" currency).

These contrasts between American and German styles of currency management became very marked in the 1960s, when the mark played an important part in the break-up of the Bretton Woods order largely because of a German concern with stability.

After the crises of the early 1970s, the Bundesbank drew the corresponding lesson. It searched for a rule-based approach to monetary management. After 1975 it used a monetary target rather than an exchange rate rule as the key guide. It proclaimed that monetary targeting "virtually became the symbol of German 'stability culture'".

The alternative conceptions of what a currency should do are at issue again today at the 50th anniversary of the mark and at its death as it is replaced by the euro. At the birth of the euro, as at the birth of the mark, there is a clash between two visions.

The first is a view now frequently linked with French opposition to triumphant and triumphalist Anglo-Saxon market economics. It suggests that the euro will at last give Europe a money that can be politically directed, a currency that can stand up and look the dollar in the face. According to the second vision, such an addiction to prestige politics is irrelevant at best and at worst harmful. In this view, which has emerged out of the success of the mark, the good of stability can be achieved only at the price of political interventionism.

The lessons of the 1948 reform are directly relevant today. The mark can pass on some grandmotherly advice to the new generation currency, the euro. The most important lesson is that the launch of a new currency inevitably shocks existing expectations, and leads to surprises and disappointments. It requires self-restraint: but it is frequently much easier to force compliance with a restraint that is not self-driven but imposed from the outside, as in the external framework provided by the Maastricht treaty.

If that lesson is absorbed, the stability culture can then be internalised relatively quickly: even in a society such as the Germany of 1948, which at that time had very little stability in its recent monetary and political experiences.

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Coopers counts down to convergence

The deal has long been struck, but the logistical headaches remain for PwC, **Jon Ashworth** finds

Accountants are not usually associated with wild partying, but July 1 may prove the exception. On that auspicious day, 140,000 employees of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand will crack open the champagne, and toast the birth of PricewaterhouseCoopers, or PwC, as it will more palatably be known.

One man in particular will be ready for a glass — indeed, a magnum. David Hadfield, a consultant with Coopers, was handed the task of guiding the deal to completion. Several months on, the last pieces are falling into place, but whether a deal hatched on paper will work in practice has yet to be seen. Significant obstacles remain.

On July 1, partnerships in 70 countries — effectively 70 different businesses — will be brought together under the same umbrella, pooling 8,500 partners and revenues of $13 billion (£7.8 billion). There are cultural issues to contend with and individual tensions to address. Staff are only now discovering who will report to whom in the new hierarchy.

Mr Hadfield said: "July 1 to me is the end of the beginning, actually. We'll look back in two years' time and say, doing the deal was the easy bit. It's a question of melding 140,000 people, while recruiting 1,000 people a week: creating a new culture for the firm. To be a truly global firm and yet to be responsive locally. None of us has even run a business on this scale before.

"This is a programme, not a project. In a project, you can see your way from A to Z. In a programme you have so many different projects going on and so many uncertainties that you cannot see your way from A to Z. You don't know how people are going to respond. You just have to have the confidence that you will identify issues before they occur and deal with them as they occur."

PETER TRIEVNOR



David Hadfield was given the task of guiding the deal to completion

The merger may well involve hirings to new posts, but duplication is inevitable. The question for many is: Will I still have a job in a year's time? Mr Hadfield said: "This merger is about growth. We have very ambitious plans to grow for the next five years. We have to be diligent about duplicative costs, but we're not going into this expecting to fire a lot of people."

Job security aside, there is the issue of opposing cultures. PW is hierarchical and centralised, and international in its approach, where Coopers (according to Mr Hadfield) is UK-focused and entrepreneurial. Partners would like to avoid the bloodiness of past accounting mergers, but this is easier said than done.

Mr Hadfield brings an appropriately international perspective to the task. A South African, he started out sinking mines for Anglo American in Botswana, and later became a consultant with Deloitte Haskins + Sells, which merged with Coopers & Lybrand in 1989.

Having spent much of his career working on complex projects — nuclear power stations and the like — Mr Hadfield was well-equipped to lead the merger process. He recalls: "It took me about 20 seconds to say 'yes'. I remember thinking: How on earth was I going to do something on this scale? It has never been done before."

Rival overtures between KPMG and Ernst & Young posed an unwelcome threat. Mr Hadfield said: "It was a real distraction and potentially a problem for us. It obviously made the regulatory process harder for us, but it never deterred us."

Brussels finally gave the all-clear to the merger in May. More recent problems — including defections in Brazil and Chile and sabre-rattling in Spain — have added some spice to proceedings. The autumn will bring a huge advertising and marketing campaign aimed at putting the enlarged firm on the map.

PwC has 18 months in which to settle down, working to 10 to 15 trigger points. After that, Mr Hadfield's job should be complete: "If they still need me in 18 months' time, we probably haven't quite got it right."

TELEVISION CHOICE

Spicy, but lacking ginger



And then there were four . . . The Spice Girls minus one (C4, 6.00pm)

Miami Spice
Channel 4, 6.00pm

Geri Halliwell's split from the Spice Girls was an event hardly less momentous than the omission of Gazza from the English World Cup squad or Sir Brian Mawhinney's departure from the Conservative shadow cabinet. But life goes on, and so does the Spice Girls' American tour, which is the occasion for the unmissable treat of the first interview given by the girls as a quartet rather than a quintet. Whether the combo sounds any different without Ginger Spice than with her is something an expectant nation is about to learn. The honour of putting the questions belongs to Andi Peters, a personable chap but no Jeremy Paxman. As a bonus, the programme includes the premiere of the group's new video, *Viva Forever*. It has been created by Aardman Animations, best known for the adventures of Wallace and Gromit.

The Travel Show
BBC2, 8.30pm

Since it dropped its warts-and-all appraisals of popular resorts *The Travel Show* has become much more like its counterpart on BBC1, save for the excitable Juliet Morris in place of the composed *Jill Dando*. It is possible to argue a distinction between travel, the business of this series, and Dando's holidays, and on the whole Morris and her colleagues are more inclined to rough it. Tonight Morris is in Kazakhstan, not the first choice of British tourists though not so far off the beaten track that it does not boast a Hyatt Hotel. Not so rough after all. Morris is a bit rude about the capital city (dodgy water, "disgusting" mare's milk) but reckons, in one of her typical phrases, that it is "pretty fab" in the mountains. More likely to bump into Jill Dando are Fi Glover and Simon Calder as they offer separate views of Florida.

NYPD Blue
Channel 4, 10.00pm

The terse dialogue, the grim realism of the New York locations and, above all, the dizzying camerawork are stylistic devices that tend to obscure a conventional, even old-fashioned, police drama. The striking thing about *NYPD Blue* is how easily the detectives solve their cases. Not for this show the loose ends and blind alleys that would make it truly a reflection of life. Instead we have a clear-up rate that must be pushing 100 per cent. At least it is here as NYPD's finest are called on to solve the murder of a street junkie and the mugging of a cab driver. But if the two cases are dispatched at a barely credible speed there is still much to enjoy. There is a welcome leavening of humour, as in a running gag tonight about the meaning of pop goes the weasel.

Beg to Differ
Channel 4, 11.30pm

With tongue firmly in her cheek Annie Byfield, who used to sell *The Big Issue*, sets out to produce the first designer home for the homeless. After all, she ponders, if squeezing an orange can become a stylish design experience, why not sleeping rough? Unfortunately, her clever little dome made of foam which can be wheeled around, is not appreciated. "Looks like one of them *Dr Who* things", says one homeless man. But Byfield has made her satirical point. Peter Jones is also homeless but is seldom stuck for a square meal. He scavenges for left-overs at fruit and veg markets and in black rubbish bags and reckons that London is a larder of free food if you know where to look. Looking suitably dishevelled for the purpose, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall helps Jones to knock up a surprisingly tasty dish. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Intimate Death
Radio 4 (FM), 9.45am

A mere description of what this new series is about could put off some readers but in fact Frances Barber's reading of an account of one woman's work with people who are dying is not just moving, it is also insightful and uplifting. The programmes derive from a book by Marie de Hennezel, a psychologist, which was a best seller in France in 1995. Hennezel focuses on a few cases, men and women dying in a Paris hospital, and in doing so "plunges into the very heart of human life". There are those who know they are dying and those who do not, there is a gay man who has never come out to his parents, there is a funny flirtatious Russian. All benefit from knowing Hennezel and she from knowing them.

Wimbledon and World Cup '98
Radio 5 Live, 1pm

Readers will be aware that the search for sports broadcasting this summer is not a very arduous one, more like looking for a haystack than a needle, but now comes a day when even sporting fanatics may cry: enough is enough! even though the Test match ended prematurely, *England play Romania* tonight (5 Live 8pm) and as if that does not constitute a glut, Wimbledon starts this afternoon. John Inverdale presents the coverage and the BBC has a team of ten commentators and summarisers. Four more reporters cover the behind-the-scenes activity, most of which involves interminable interviews with players. The question "can a British player win?" will only be asked 14 times a day. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo. Live from Toulouse 12.00 Jo Whiley with the Beastie Boys. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. Ian McCulloch joins Mark and the Boy Lard for pre-match build-up to the England v Romania game 4.00 Dave Pearce. Includes 5.45 Newsbeat 6.30 The Evening Session. Includes a session from Drugstore 8.30 Global Update, with Jennifer Cox 8.40 Andy Kershaw 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 Jools Holland 9.30 Joe Brown's Good Rockin' Tonight. Stars who died in their prime, including Buddy Holly, Eddie Cochran and Johnny Kidd 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Jeff Owen 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am *The Breakfast Programme, with Peter Allen and* Victoria Derbyshire 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm *Wimbledon and World Cup '98. See Choice* 7.30 World Cup '98: England v Romania. Ian Payne hosts, with *commentary by Mike Ingham, Alan Green and Terry Butcher* 10.00 World Cup Phone-In. David Mellor hears the reactions to *England's performance* second appearance *in the* World Cup 11.00 Late Night Live, presented by Nick Robinson 1.00am Up All Night, with Gary Robertson 5.00 Morning Reports

TALK RADIO

6.30am Bill and Kirsty 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.30 Colombia v Tunisia — Live Commentary 6.30 Tommy Boyd 7.00 World Cup Phone-In 8.00 England v Romania — Live Commentary 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins 5.00 Bill Overton

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 World Cup Roundup 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.15 Newstalk 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Record News 10.30 Westway Access 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Jazzamatazz 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Sports Roundup Extra 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 *Welcome to my World* 3.45 *The Lab* 4.00 World News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Westway Access 4.30 Hot New Country; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 Seven Days; (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Just a Minute 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack Hit List 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 The World Lectures 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack Hit List 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Westway 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 You and the Law 3.00 Newsday 3.30 On Screen 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sport 4.30 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breakfast with Bailey 8.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 *Lunchtime Requests* 2.00pm *Concerto, Lalo (Cello Concerto in* D minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.30 Newsnight 7.00 Smooth *Classics at Seven* 9.00 *Evening Concert. Dohnanyi (Ruralia* Hungarica); Liszt (Hungarian Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra: *Tasso, Lamento e Trionfo); Bartók (Six Dances in Bulgarian* Rhythm); Kodaly (Variations on a Hungarian Folksong) 11.00 *Mann at Night* 2.00am *Concerto (r)*. 3.00 Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Paul Coyte 7.30 Ray Cokes 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Calmin Jones 5.00 Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air**, with Stephanie Hughes. Handel (Suite No 5 in E); Purcell (Rejoice in the Lord Always); Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin); Chabrier (Fete Polonaise)
9.00 **Masterworks**, with Peter Hobday. Vivaldi (Concerto in D minor for viola d'amore, lute and orchestra); Brahms (Cello Sonata No 1 in E minor)
10.30 **Artist of the Week: Colin Davis**
11.00 **Sound Stories: Musical Travellers — Handel in England**, with Richard Baker. As a young man Handel travelled widely, but in 1711 he arrived in London and stayed for more than fifty years
12.00 **Composer of the Week: C.P.E. Bach**
1.00pm **The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.** Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. The Lindsays. Ralph Kirshbaum, cello. Schubert (String Quintet in C)
2.00 **The BBC Orchestras.** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Marlyn Brabbins and Yoav Talmi. With Marc-Andre Hamelin, piano. Strauss (Don Juan); Henselt (Piano Concerto in F minor); Bruckner (Symphony No 3 in D minor, second version)
4.00 **Sams at the Opera**, with Jeremy Sams
4.45 **Music Machine: Unusual Voices**
5.00 **In Tune**, with Humphrey Carpenter
7.30 **Performance on 3.** A concert of American music given last month by the Halle Orchestra and Canzonetta, under Kent Nagano, in the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. Gershwin (Strike Up the Band); Copland (Appalachian Spring); Gershwin (Girl Crazy: My One and Only); Ives (Symphony No 4); Gershwin (Funny Face)
9.15 **Postscript: The Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway — The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber** Determined to show that he is not a coward, Francis Macomber goes on a big game hunt. Reader Ed Bishop. Abridged by John Hartley (1/5)
9.35 **Vieuxtemps.** Music for violin and piano by *Vieuxtemps, including Yankee Doodle* played by Philippe Koch and Luc Devos
10.00 **Voices: Berg and Zemlinsky Songs.** Adrianne Pieczonka, soprano. Iain Burnside, piano. Berg (Seven Early); Zemlinsky (Walzer-gesange; Songs, excerpts)
10.45 **Mixing It.** Mark Russell and Robert Sandall present a session by the multi-instrumentalist Sylvia Hallett
11.30 **Jazz Note**, with Digby Fairweather
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Beethoven** (r)
1.00am **Through the Night**, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

6.00am **Today.** Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
9.00 **Start the Week** with the *Times* columnist Melvyn Bragg and guests
9.45 **(FM) Serial: Intimate Death** See Choice
9.45 **(LW) Daily Service**
10.00 **News; Woman's Hour**, with Martha Kearney
11.00 **(LW) Test Match Special: England v South Africa.** The fifth and final day at Lord's
11.00 **(FM) News; Impostors.** Stories of deceivers, written by Sarah Burton and Nick Baker (1/3)
11.30 **(FM) Ballyferon**, by Christopher Fitz-Simon. With T.P. McKenna and Margaret D'Arcy
12.00 **(FM) News; You and Yours**, with Liz Barclay and John Waite 12.57 Weather
12.00 **(LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast**
12.04pm **(LW) Test Match Special**
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.30 **(FM) Mastermind.** *The fourth semi-final*
1.30 **(LW) Test Match Special**
2.00 **(FM) News; The Archers** (r)
2.15 **(FM) News; Afternoon Play: The Strange Petitioner**, by Joe Dunlop. A dramatisation of the life of Robert K. Andrews. With comments by Tony Benn and Peter Bottomley
3.00 **(FM) Money Box Live** Call 0171-580 4444 Vincent Duggleby takes listeners' calls on a topical issue affecting personal finance
3.30 **(FM) Matchmakers: The Headhunter** (1/5)
3.45 **(FM) A Recollection**, by Mavis Gallant. A Jewish woman, about to flee Paris the Nazi occupation, takes with her a yellow star as a souvenir. Read by Anton Lesser (1/5)
4.00 **(FM) News; The Food Programme** Lager and vindaloo — a match made in heaven or a failure of the imagination? (r)
4.30 **(FM) Four Corners**, with Jane Franchi and guest
5.00 **PM** 5.54 **(LW)** Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
5.57 **(LW) Test Match Special**
6.00 **(FM) Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **Just a Minute.** The fast-talking panel show
7.00 **News; The Archers** 7.15 **Front Row.** Mark Lawson goes in search of art inspired by the beach
7.45 **Under One Roof: I Never Promised You a Rose Garden**, by Sally Worboyes (1/5) (r)
8.00 **News; Hugging Demons.** A look at Broadway Lodge, an addiction treatment centre (r)
8.30 **Analysis: That Special Feeling.** Ngaire Woods asks which British interests are best served by a strong relationship with America and whether those links compromise Britain's place in Europe
9.00 **News; Wildlife at War.** Dylan Walker looks at how the Ministry of Defence came to protect wildlife
9.30 **Start the Week** (r) 10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Scarlet and Black**, by Stendhal, read by Greg Wise (1/10)
11.00 **Radio 4 Appeal** SANE (r)
11.02 **Late Night on 4: Our Man at Wembley.** A comedy series by Bill Matthews, set in 1947. Alistair McGowan stars as Eric Halliday, a Lancashire lad with a great talent for impersonating people. But is his upper-class accent good enough to win him a job as a sports commentator for the BBC? (1/4)
11.30 **(LW) Today in Parliament**
11.30 **(FM) A Night with . . . Roger Deakin** The writer and conservationist describes his encounters with night creatures to the accompaniment of Paul McCartney and Loudon Wainwright (1/5) (r)
12.00 **News** 12.30am **The Late Book: Intimacy.** Hanif Kureishi's new novel. Read by David Threlfall (1/5)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast** 1.00 **As World Service**
5.30 **World News** 5.35 **Shipping Forecast**
5.40 **Inshore Forecast** 5.45 **Prayer for the Day**
5.47 **Farming Today** with Anna Hill

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Tribal rituals, emergent multi-culturalism

REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

I hear that the BBC hung on to Stephen Poliakoff's **The Tribe** (BBC2, Sunday) for a full two years before broadcasting it. That predates the election, so perhaps there was some Birtian anxiety about a play containing a pungent attack on the enterprise culture. Perhaps too there was worry about the three-in-a-bed full-frontal insect eating. Or maybe some White City mandarin was reluctant to show a programme without knowing what on earth it was actually supposed to mean.

Like Jean Paul Gaultier's dress-sense or Patrick Moore's eyebrows, *The Tribe* can best be described as an interesting mess. Stephen Poliakoff is one of the few writers who produce genuinely original and challenging television drama. He is a good thing. But it pays to work out what you are trying to say before you put finger to keyboard, and in this case I am not at all sure that he had.

The skeleton of the drama is a hippie-era dropout story: young executive Jamie (Jeremy Northam) re-examines his life after contact with an alternative commune and quits the ratrace.

The racing rat is Kanahan, a rapacious property developer, a superb cameo role from Trevor Eve. Beneath a designer veneer of stylish calm he runs his empire by bullying and psychological terror, cynically unconcerned with the consequences of his actions.

Jamie is sent to evict a group of "crazies" led by Emily (Joely Richardson) who have rights over flats in a huge old building that Kanahan wants to convert into an urban professional condo. The tribe turn out to be a group of enigmatic, mainly young, people who wander around in slinky black clothes looking very, very cool in a 1980s cat-walk sort of way.

Their home is in the middle of the "badlands" of South London, which, as in the fragments shown here, looks like the South Bronx on a muggy afternoon; but the tribe's enigmatic cool has spooked out the local street gang, who never dare attack.

Under Emily's charismatic, existential spell, they eat crispy insect snacks and drink strange green drinks; their house has dramatically themed décor and they are fairly flexible about who sleeps with whom (they have all taken Aids tests first). By a strange coincidence they are all slim and good-looking, which probably helps to make this practice more fun all round.

How this amounted to a serious challenge to contemporary normality (whatever that is) completely eludes me. There was some philosophising near the end about the group's deliberate confusing of the outside world with contradictory messages about puritanism and decadence, but it didn't help much.

A half-related sub-theme dealt with the nature of the inner suburbs of South London, the armpit of the Universe, apparently. Emily takes Jamie on a mystery tour of magical hidden places "beneath a bland suburban street", such as Chislehurst Caves, known only to most of the population of London. This was a stylish production, with some very photogenic nudity. But as so often with television drama, excellent acting masked a flawed script. By the end I was consumed with one overwhelming question: so what?

British culture has been changing in all manner of weird and wonderful ways, none of which was illuminated by *The Tribe*. But it has been gratifying to have a series carefully unpacking at least one element in this process.

BBC2's excellent **Windrush** series ended on Saturday with *A British Story*, which took us from the 1981 riots to William Hague's appearance at last year's Notting Hill Carnival. Optimistic documentaries are rare beasts, but after last week's fear and loathing, this was a generally heartening programme about progress and breakthroughs.

We saw Charlie Williams slogging it out gag for gag with Bernard Manning in northern clubs; the young Lenny Henry amazing audiences with his Frank Spencer; Messrs Grant, Abbott and Boateng elected MPs; Trevor McDonald reading the news and Paul Ince captaining England.

Even the two waves of riots were seen as blessings in disguise, in that they forced a widespread reappraisal of attitudes and practices in public life. "Good did come out of it," said Sir David Lane, although that will be scant consolation to the family of PC Blakelock or any other victims of the ferocious violence of those events.

There was a tendency to gloss over this and the excesses of some of the wilder local councils, but I don't suppose the producers felt much obligation to go over issues that were exhaustively covered in the press at the time. The basic business, however, was to recognise the achievements of a generation of black Britons, who see themselves as British and who have staked a claim to place in the country's life and history.

Frasier signed off the series in fine style on Friday (Channel 4) with a bravura display of cowardice, pomposity and ill-judged heroics. The gullible radio psychiatrist's flight from a demonstration over the closure of a bookstore led to an even more ill-judged moral stand against intrusive sponsorship on his radio show. The show usually hangs on his acutely self-conscious ability to tie himself in moral knots and this was a classic example.

Incidentally, it is curious that whereas in American films English people usually play villains, on television we are usually portrayed as rather nice. Daphne's Mancunian bluntness is obviously seen as deliciously quaint by those not raised on *Coronation Street*, but it is strange that in such a tightly produced show they didn't cast somebody who can act.

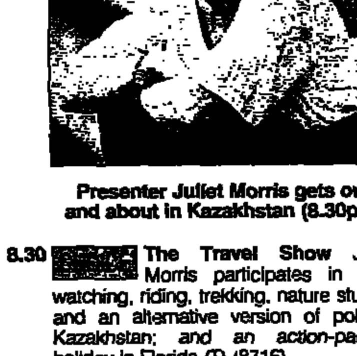
BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (86667)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (49551)
9.00 All Over the Shop Comedy panel game (r) (1834938)
9.20 Kilroy (T) (1643754)
10.00 The General Practical health tips, presented live from Southampton General Hospital (64290)
10.30 Beautiful Things Craft ideas involving felt (r) (8070939)
10.40 News (T) regional news and weather (8483087)
10.50 The Second Test having ended on Sunday afternoon, there will be alternative programming at this time and on BBC2 at 1.35pm and 11.15pm, to be announced on air
1.00pm News (T) and weather (59938)
1.30 Regional News (97181613)
1.40 The Weather Show Stories and reports relating to the current British climate (76325629)
1.45 Wimbledon 98 Reigning men's champion and former world No 1, Pete Sampras begins the defence of his title on Centre Court (44066700)
4.15 World Cup 98 Live: Colombia v Tunisia (Kick-off **4.30pm**) Desmond Lynam introduces action from Montpellier as England's Group G rivals meet in the Stade de la Mosson. Commentary is provided by John Motson and Chris Waddle (T) (75819464)
6.30 News (T) and weather (209)
7.00 Regional News (2919)
7.30 Cagney and Lacey Together Again (1995) Spin-off sequel from the television series, which sees cops Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly investigating the murder of a down-and-out drug-addict. Directed by Reza Badiyi (r) (T) (91716)
9.00 News (T) and weather (2416)
9.30 The Mrs Merton Show (r) (T) (72716)
10.00 Panorama Louise Woodward talks exclusively to Martin Bashir on the events of the last two years (T) (664483)
10.45 Harry Enfield and Chums With Paul Whitehouse and Kathy Burke and special guests Desmond Lynam, Jimmy Hill and Martin Clunes (r) (T) (730939) **WALES: 10.45** Homeland. Leisure pursuits in Wales
11.15 World Cup 98 — Match of the Day Barry Davies and David Pleat with highlights of England's Group G match against Romania in Toulouse, introduced by Gary Lineker. Plus: reaction from the England camp to the result and the goals from Colombia v Tunisia in Montpellier. Martin O'Neill, Ally McCoist and Jimmy Hill try to remain objective (T) (880358)
12.15am Confessions: Two Faces of Evil (1993) Thriller, with Jason Bateman, James Wilder, James Earl Jones and Ayre Gross. Two suspects confuse the Los Angeles police by confessing to the same murder; to complicate matters further, they both know intimate details about the case. Directed by Gilbert Cates (T) (760014)
1.50 Weather (7511236)
1.35 BBC News 24

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BBC2

6.10am Just Like a Girl (7704532) **6.35** Musical Prodigies? (T) (2784648)
7.00 Teletubbies (r) (2851193) **7.25** Goober and the Ghost Chasers (2767700) **7.50** Blue Peter (r) (T) (2561261) **8.15** Yogi's Space Race (7064025) **8.35** Teddy Trucks (r) (7410735) **8.45** Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (4040700)
9.10 A Passion for Angling Carp fisherman Chris Yates returns to the Redmire Pool, scene of his record-breaking catch (r) (T) (4330303) **10.00** Teletubbies (64272) **10.30** Wear it Well (3879323)
10.45 Nell Gwyn (1934, b/w) Period drama with Cedric Hardwicke as King Charles II and Anna Neagle as his orange-selling mistress. Directed by Herbert Wilcox (T) (9171613)
12.00 Wimbledon 98 Sue Barker and Steve Rider introduce the start of two weeks' live action from the All England Club. Continues on BBC1 (572071)
1.35pm The Second Test having ended on Sunday afternoon, there will be alternative programming, tba
3.50 News (T) regional news and weather (3232822)
3.55 Wimbledon 98 Wimbledon: Sue Barker and Steve Rider introduce further live action from the All England Club. Commentary by John Barrett, Bill Threlfall, David Mercer, Pat Cash, Virginia Wade and Jeremy Bates. (40247822)
NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to delay and alteration

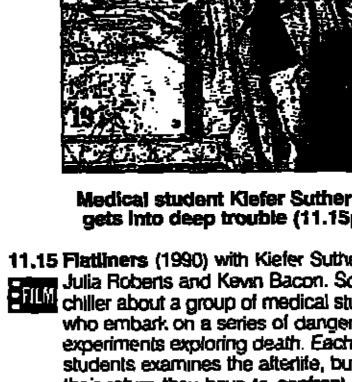


Presenter Juliet Morris gets out and about in Kazakhstan (8.30pm)

8.30 The Travel Show Juliet Morris participates in bird-watching, riding, trekking, nature studies and an alternative version of polo in Kazakhstan; and an action-packed holiday in Florida (T) (8716)
9.00 The Simpsons: Duffless Homer is arrested for drunk driving — so Marge challenges him to lay off the booze for a while (T) (744367)
9.25 Today at Wimbledon Sue Barker introduces a round-up of the action from day one, with Pat Cash and Pam Shriver (T) (6908984)
10.28 Video Nation Shorts (441261)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (155445)
11.15 The Second Test having ended on Sunday, alternative programming tba
11.55 Weather (499396)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (87507)
12.30am Learning Zone: Ciné Cinéphiles (58507) **1.00** Slaves and Noble Savages (T) (54830) **1.30** Empire and Nation: The Re-fashioning of Literature (66698) **2.00** Schools: Science (11859) **4.00** Get By in French — Part 2 (22101) **5.00** Computers Don't Bite — Getting Started (3894472) **5.45** Seville — Gateway to the Indies (64859)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (2424006)
9.25 This Morning (T) (4235716)
9.30 Vanessa (T) (1799464)
10.10 This Morning (T) (39769358)
12.15pm Regional News (1950803)
12.30 News (T) and weather (87648)
1.00 WALES: Animal Country (44006)
1.00 BLT (44006)
1.30 Home and Away (T) (86919) **2.00** The Jerry Springer Show (T) (4509445) **2.45 WALES:** House to House (865754) **2.45** BLT (865754) **3.15** News (T) (9953209) **3.20** Regional News (T) (9943822)
3.25 Potamus Park (r) (9933445) **3.35** Caribou Kitchen (8895648) **3.45** Bimble's Bucket (T) (8702984)
4.00 House of Toons (r) (5815396) **4.20** Finders Keepers (r) (T) (3143984) **4.50** The Big Bang (T) (3372223) **5.10** WALES: People and Pets (3990209) **5.10** Moneyspinners (3990209)
5.40 News (T) and weather (531396)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (934735)
6.25 Wales Tonight (146209)
6.25 HTV Weather (542803)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (377)
7.00 Coronation Street Gail confronts Nick about his association with Whateley (T) (7087)
7.30 World Cup 98 Live: Romania v England Coverage of England's crucial game against Romania from Toulouse. Plus: highlights from the Group G match between Colombia and Tunisia, and news from the Scottish camp ahead of tomorrow's match with Morocco (T) (339087)
10.00 News (T) and weather (45174)
10.30 Regional News (T) (278445)
10.40 Fantasy World Cup Live Tonight's guests are Noel Gallagher and world chess champion Garry Kasparov (433735)



Medical student Kiefer Sutherland gets into deep trouble (11.15pm)

11.15 Flatliners (1990) with Kiefer Sutherland, Julia Roberts and Kevin Bacon. Sci-fi chiller about a group of medical students who embark on a series of dangerous experiments exploring death. Each of the students examines the afterlife, but upon their return they have to confront something evil from the other side. Directed by Joel Schumacher (T) (32987551)
1.30am World Cup 98 Full match coverage of England's vital match against Romania. Plus: highlights from the Group G game in Montpellier, where Colombia met Tunisia (286323)
3.10 Fantasy World Cup (r) (T) (9766014)
3.45 World Football (r) (96946)
4.15 Club@vision (r) (8218762)
4.55 ITV Nightscreen (8778946)
5.30 News (75762)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
1.00pm A Country Practice (44006)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5480396)
2.45-3.15 High Road (865754)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3990209)
6.25 Central News (942754)
6.55-7.00 Lifeline (882613)
3.45am Central Jobfinder '98 (972830)
5.20 Asian Eye (5660762)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.15pm Westcountry News (1950803)
12.27-12.30 Small Talk, Big Talk (5573480)
1.00 High Road (44006)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5480396)
2.45-3.15 The Lost Gardens of Heligan (865754)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3990209)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (95667)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.15-12.30 Meridian News (1950803)
1.00-1.30 Shortland Street (44006)
2.45-3.15 At Home (865754)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3990209)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (975)
6.30-7.00 Wildlife Rescue (377)
11.15 Meridian Focus (180290)
11.45 The Bottom Line (530731)
12.15am Pulp — Live (8496588)
5.00 Freescreen (49410)

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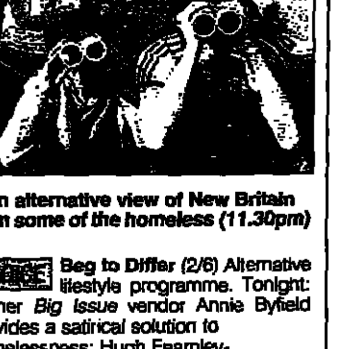
As HTV West except:
1.00pm-1.30 Hope and Gloria (44006)
2.45-3.15 A Place in the Country (865754)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3990209)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (146209)

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Starts: **7.00am The Big Breakfast** (32261)
9.00 FILM: The Adventures of Marco Polo (50473990)
10.55 Profile (4820754)
11.00 Baby Baby (1782)
11.30 Fruity Stories (1071)
12.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing (42087)
12.30 Sesame Street (78990)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (14127358)
1.15 Mifi (25490919)
1.25 FILM: The Iron Curtain (36480938)
3.00 Real Gardens (3648)
3.30 Watercolour Challenge (483)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (990)
4.30 Countdown (174)
5.00 5 Pump (9906464)
5.15 Ffeil (4157272)
5.30 Pet Rescue (754)
6.00 Newyddion 6 (305209)
6.10 Heno (970193)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (878025)
7.25 Ti 'Di Gweld? (448731)
8.00 Clwb Garddio (4377)
8.30 Newyddion (3764)
9.00 Y Byd Ar Bedwar (3006)
9.30 FILM: The Missionary (611377)
11.05 NYPD Blue (327735)
12.00am Under the Moon: World Cup Special (21383453)
2.05 Trackside (7974743)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (79377)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (T) (32261)
9.00 The Adventures of Marco Polo (1938, b/w) with Gary Cooper, Sigrid Gurie and Basil Rathbone. Lavish re-creation of Marco Polo's journey from Venice to China in the 13th-century. Directed by Archie Mayo (50473990)
10.55 Profile: Jackie Onassis (r) (4820754) **11.00** Baby Baby. Sibling rivalry and horse riding for children (r) (1782) **11.30** Fruity Stories (r) (T) (1071) **12.00** Sesame Street (42087)
12.30pm Light Lunch Lynda Bellingham cooks for Julia Sawahla and Simon Pegg (r) (7201464) **1.35** A Tale of Two Fans. A woman reveals her feelings for the pop group Take That; and a man explains his reverence for guitarist Jimi Hendrix (r) (97260174)
1.50 The President's Lady (1953, b/w) with Susan Hayward and Charlton Heston. Biography of Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States. Directed by Henry Levin (80439377)
3.30 Watercolour Challenge from Brighton (T) (483)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (990) **4.30** Countdown (T) (5675532) **4.55** Montel Williams: Montel, My Mother Won't Talk To Me! (T) (7374613) **5.30** Pet Rescue. A springer spaniel is rushed to the centre after collapsing (T) (754)
6.00 Miami Spice Andi Peters talks to the four remaining Spice Girls on the eve of their American tour (T) (667)
6.30 Hollyoaks (T) (919)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (3735)
8.00 Local Hero (1983) Comedy by Bill Forsyth, with Peter Riegert, Burt Lancaster and Dennis Lawson. A Texas executive is dispatched to Scotland to buy an entire village for the site of a new oil refinery (T) (5311)
10.00 NYPD Blue: The Truth is Out There The detectives pin their hopes on an elderly, paranoid witness to catch a killer (T) (2006)
11.00 Drop the Dead Donkey (r) (T) (8551)



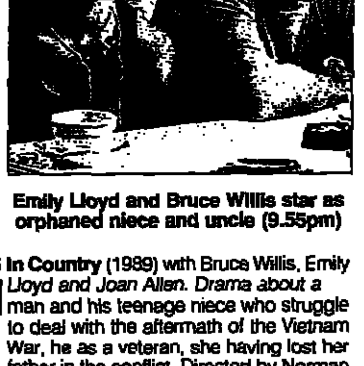
An alternative view of New Britain from some of the homeless (11.30pm)

11.30 Beg to Differ (2/6) Alternative lifestyle programme. Tonight: former *Big Issue* vendor Annie Byfield provides a satirical solution to homelessness; Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Peter Jones barbecue bin-food; Claire White asks why genetic scientists have not rid us of the homelessness gene (T) (20984)
12.00 Under the Moon: World Cup Special Focusing on England's performance against Romania (59278965)
2.10am Babylon 5 (r) (T) (6028491)
3.05-5.55 Wilson (1944) Biography of Woodrow Wilson, played by Alexander Knox. Henry King directs (33447781)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt** decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News and Sport (8089396)
7.00 WideWorld: Whose English (r) (T) (8262667) **7.30** Milkshake! (3192984) **7.35** Wind in the Willows (2095822) **8.00** Havakazoo (4398087) **8.30** Dappledown Farm (r) (4397358)
9.00 Wildlife SOS (r) (T) (4311938) **9.30** Russell Grant's Postcards: Barrowford (7829464) **9.35** The Oprah Winfrey Show (r) (4849174) **10.25** Sunset Beach (T) (5478193) **11.10** Leeza (6391349)
12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (4391174) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4205087) **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8261938) **1.30** Sons and Daughters (4204358) **2.00** 100 Per Cent Gold (3366759) **2.30** Open House with Gloria Hunniford (9327822)
3.30 Find the Lady (1977) starring John Candy, Mickey Rooney and Peter Cook. Coarse comedy about inept policemen assigned to protect a wealthy socialite from equally inept kidnappers. Directed by John Trent (6538261)
5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Broken Promises That Made Headlines (1265990)
6.00 100 Per Cent (6379385)
6.30 Family Affairs Jack tries to make it up to Elsa (T) (2674777)
7.00 5 News (T) (9766795)
7.30 Hot Property Sandy Mitchell helps a couple wanting to purchase a house in the Leicestershire/Northamptonshire area (T) (5723241)
8.00 Jesse (1988, TVM) with Lee Remick, Scott Wilson and Richard Marcus. Drama about a nurse who faces prosecution for practising without a licence. Directed by Glenn Jordan (T) (37647716)
9.50 Dr Fox's Chart Update (7822938)



Emily Lloyd and Bruce Willis star as orphaned niece and uncle (9.55pm)

9.55 In Country (1989) with Bruce Willis, Emily Lloyd and Joan Allen. Drama about a man and his teenage niece who struggle to deal with the aftermath of the Vietnam War, he as a veteran, she having lost her father in the conflict. Directed by Norman Jewison (49938803)
12.05am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine with Shelley Webb and Kevin Day. Includes World Cup news and action from the 1998 Extreme Games trials (24255762)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8071507)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6826743)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

● *For further listings see Saturday's Vision*

SKY 1

7.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters (94071) **7.30** Games World (6525613) **7.45** The Simpsons (185471) **8.15** Oprah (1084735) **9.00** Hotel (40377) **10.00** Another World (75990) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (95754) **12.00** Married with Children (81939) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (2789613) **12.55** The Special K Collection (38229254) **1.00** Geraldo (4246209) **1.55** The Special K Collection (41952193) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (6956483) **2.55** The Special K Collection (4763754) **3.00** Jenny Jones (3295367) **3.55** The Special K Collection (4204280) **4.00** Oprah (35735) **5.00** Star Trek: Voyager (4532) **6.00** The Nanny (9193) **6.30** Married with Children (5795) **7.00** The Simpsons (5261) **7.30** The Simpsons (5629) **8.00** Star Trek: Voyager (54358) **9.00** Sliders (87822) **10.00** Friends (31498) **10.30** Friends (83358) **11.00** Star Trek: Voyager (83919) **12.00** Reds in Europe (12217) **12.30am** The World at Their Feet (43267) **1.00** Long Play

SKY BOX OFFICE

Sky's pay-per-view movie channels. To view any film telephone 0990 800888. Each film costs £2.99 per viewing

SKY BOX OFFICE 1 (Transponder 26)
Absolute Power (1997)
SKY BOX OFFICE 2 (Transponder 60)
Liar, Liar (1997)
SKY BOX OFFICE 3 (Transponder 58)
Batman and Robin (1997)
SKY BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 59)
Gridlock'd (1997)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am Forgotten City of Planet of the Apes (1974) (87387377) **7.40 Tap (1989)** (26848551) **9.40 The Big Green (1995)** (52159483) **11.20 Race the Sun (1996)** (25423464) **1.00pm Forgotten City (1974)** (67483) **3.00 A Holiday to Remember (1995)** (50990) **5.00 The Big Green (1995)** (25386071) **6.50 Race the Sun (1996)** (46144716) **9.00 The Island of Dr Moreau (1996)** (71859395) **10.45 Smoke (1995)** (92383377) **12.20am Bloodline (1995)** (110120) **2.10 Angels and Insects (1995)** (574526)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.00am The Big Broadcast of 1936 (1936) (35667) **8.00 Cattle Queen of Montana (1954)** (41445) **10.00 Ten Tall Men (1951)** (27280) **12.00 The Rockford Files: Friends and Foul Play (1995)** (64398) **2.00pm Cattle Queen of Montana (1954)** (59603) **4.00 Ten Tall Men (1951)** (7006) **6.00 The Rockford Files: Friends and Foul Play (1995)** (58396) **8.00 Deadlocked: Escape from Zone 14 (1992)** (78984) **10.00 The Rock (1996)** (58423532) **12.15am Escape to Nowhere (1996)** (577491) **1.50 The Avenging Angel (1995)** (811033) **3.30 Slaves of New York (1989)** (344762)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953) (37981396) **5.35 The Guns of Navarone (1961)** (46961919) **8.10 Almost an Angel (1990)** (88428667) **10.00 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953)** (5393342) **11.35** M*A*S*H **(1970)** (3108551) **1.30am The Killers (1964)** (3534052) **3.05 Shall We Dance? (1937)** (3370781)

TNT

9.00pm Meet Me in St Louis (1944) (48245700) **11.00 Easter Parade (1948)** (22777754) **1.00am Johnny Belinda (1948)** (22682878) **3.00 The Man Who Laughs (1968)** (46098897) **5.00 Close**

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Superbikes Championship — San Marino (10087) **9.00** Racing News (48342) **9.30** Aerobics (56803) **10.00** Rugby League Huddersfield v Hull (76667) **12.00** Aerobics (31006) **12.30pm** Superbikes Championship (97580) **2.30** Rugby League: Huddersfield v Hull (79261) **4.30** High 5 (5342) **5.00** Bowling World Masters (4174) **6.00** Sports Centre (9735) **6.30** Survival of the Fittest (7777) **7.00** Rugby Union USA v Hong Kong (59880) **8.00** Cricket: England v South Africa (98716) **10.00** World Cup Phone-In — Live (826629) **10.45** Sports Centre (469648) **11.00** Bowling (23551) **12.00** Sports Centre (5877694) **12.15am** Survival of the Fittest (758217) **12.45** High 5 (757588) **1.15** Rugby Union USA v Hong Kong (545965) **2.15** Baseball (761781) **2.45** World Cup Phone-In (1717255) **3.30** Sports Centre (19366410)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (8838629) **7.30** Fastrax (8840464) **8.00** Racing News (8834377) **8.30** World Sport Special (8833648) **9.00** World Motor Sport (3379377) **12.00** Golf US Open (2031532) **4.00pm** Watersports World (8738764) **5.00** Rugby Union: USA v Hong Kong (5724551) **6.00** This Week in Baseball (6002025) **6.30** High 5 (6093377) **7.00** Golf US Open (3403919) **11.00** High 5 (7388223) **11.30** Sports Centre (2567613) **11.45** Bowls, Australia v Wales (6654700) **1.45am** Sports Centre (67525526)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Bowling (62197071) **1.00pm** Baseball (50496700) **1.30** Australian Rules Football (39617700) **3.30** World Motor Sport (77291342) **6.30** The Winning Post: Windsor and Yarmouth — Live (62999993) **8.30** Bowls, Australia v Wales (46094071) **10.30** Sports Classics (11441667) **11.30** Close

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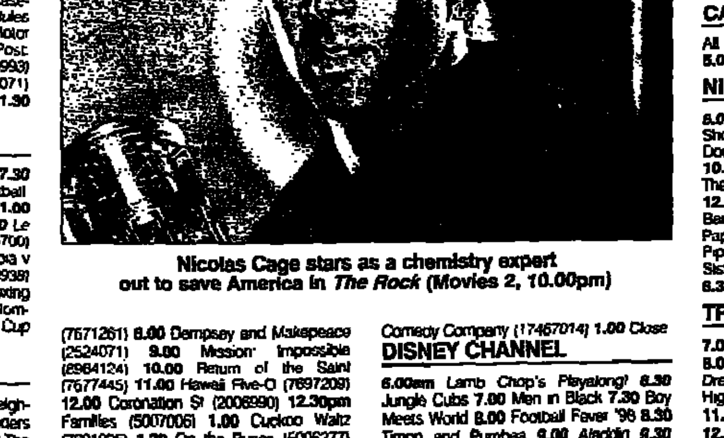
6.00am World Cup Premiere (56483) **7.30** Le Mix (46006) **9.00** World Cup Football: Germany v Yugoslavia (27241) **11.00** Rendez-vous France 98 (37754) **12.00** Le Mix (566735) **3.00pm** Live Cycling (85700) **4.00** Live World Cup Football: Colombia v Tunisia (887174) **6.30** Le Match (699381) **8.00** Strongman (12396) **9.00** Boxing (92532) **10.00** World Cup Football: Colombia v Tunisia (84071) **12.00** World Cup Journal (54217) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Crossroads (2753735) **7.30** Neighbours (8565667) **7.55** EastEnders (5157551) **8.30** The Bill (7270261) **9.00** The Bill (7198613) **9.30** Juliet Bravo (3221174) **10.30** The Sullivans (7290025) **11.00** Dallas (3335377) **11.55** Neighbours (29513613) **12.25pm** EastEnders (3984803) **1.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7512919) **2.00** Dallas (5428716) **2.55** The Bill (1699613) **3.25** The Bill (7390803) **3.55** Juliet Bravo (6924280) **4.55** EastEnders (2625990) **5.30** Wowlabgroovy (7457483) **6.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7525483) **7.00** Last of the Summer Wine (4825735) **7.40** Waiting for God (5807938) **8.20** Butterflies (2980803) **9.00** Casualty (78636006) **10.05** Taggart (36560445) **11.10** Sports Anorak of the Year (8924377) **11.45** The Bill (8771342) **12.15am** The Bill (1106304) **12.45** Spitting Image (1105675) **1.15** Best of the Old Grey Whistle Test (1102588) **1.45** The Equalizer (3231033) **2.35** Shopping (81134675)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box **7.00** EI7.30 Coronation St (7671261) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (2524071) **9.00** Mission: Impossible (2964124) **10.00** Return of the Saint (7677445) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (7697209) **12.00** Coronation St (2006990) **12.30pm** Families (5007006) **1.00** Cuckoo Waltz (7691025) **1.30** On the Buses (5006377) **2.00** Mission: Impossible (7249398) **3.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (6837193) **4.00** Hawaii Five-O (6743700) **5.00** Return of the Saint (7404919) **6.00** Families (9823396) **6.30** Coronation St (9614648) **7.00** The Professionals (1009754) **8.00** The Professionals (1085174) **9.00** The Professionals (1005938) **10.00** The Professionals (1008025) **11.00** Men and Motors (6490700)



Nicolas Cage stars as a chemistry expert out to save America in *The Rock* (Movies 2, 10.00pm)

CARLTON SELECT (CABLE)

5.00pm Blockbusters (66230716) **5.30** Gridlock (36192483) **6.00** Byker Grove (36198396) **6.30** My Two Wives (36180648) **7.00** London Bridge (66243280) **7.30** Desmond's (36179532) **8.00** Birds of a Feather (66156700) **8.30** A Kind of Living (66249735) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries (48342667) **10.00** Big Sky (48345754) **11.00** The Irish RM (50591209) **12.00** Pull the Other One (97627410) **12.30am** The Comedy Company (17467014) **1.00** Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Lamb Chop's Playalong! **6.30** Jungle Cubs **7.00** Men in Black **7.30** Boy Meets World **8.00** Football Fever '98 **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa **9.00** Aladdin **9.30** Quack Pack **10.00** Microscopic Milton **10.05** Amazing Animals **10.30** Sesame Street **11.30** Winnie the Pooh **11.45** Tots TV **12.00** Little Hippo **12.10pm** Let's Wiggle! **12.15** Animal Shelf **12.30** Rosie and Jim **12.50** Bear in the Big Blue House **1.20** Winnie the Pooh **1.35** Chip 'n' Dale **2.00** Goof Troop **2.30** Jungle Cubs **3.00** Timon and Pumbaa **3.30** Brand Spanking New Doug **4.00** Pepper Ann **4.30** Recess **5.00** Smart Guy **5.30** Student Bodies **6.00** Teen Angel **6.30** Boy Meets World **7.00 FILM: The Goodbye Bird 8.30** The Wonder Years **9.00** Touched by an Angel **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Power Rangers Zeo **6.30** Power Rangers Zeo **7.00** X Men **7.25** Casper **7.35** Mortal Kombat **8.00** Goosebumps **8.25** Sam and Max **8.35** Beetleborgs Metallix **9.00** Masked Rider **9.30** Grimm's Fairy Tales **10.00** Pinocchio **10.30** Peter Pan **11.00** Oliver Twist **11.30** Huckleberry Finn **12.00** Gulliver's Travels **12.30pm** Eekl Stravaganza **12.42** The Mouse and the Monster **12.54** Casper **1.06** Terrible Thunderlizards **1.18** Sam and Max **1.30** Samurai Pizza Cats **2.00** Eagle Riders **2.30** Conan the Adventurer **3.00** Fantastic Four **3.30** Donkey Kong Country **4.00** X-Men **4.30** Casper **5.00** Goosebumps **5.25** Eerie, Indiana **5.50** Sam and Max **6.00** Goosebumps **6.25** Sweet Valley High **6.50** Home to Rent **7.00** Close

CARTOON NETWORK

All your favourite cartoons broadcast from 5.00am to 9.00pm, seven days a week.

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula **6.30** The Littlest Pet Shop **7.00** Hey Arnold! **7.30** Rugrats **8.00** Doug **8.30** Oscar's Orchestra **9.00** CBBC **10.00** Wimzie's House **10.30** Babar **11.00** The Magic School Bus **11.30** PB Bear etc **12.00** Rugrats **12.30pm** Blue's Clues **1.00** Bananas in Pyjamas **1.30** Franklin **2.00** Papa Beaver **2.30** CBBC **3.30** Doug **4.00** Pippi Longstocking **4.30** Rugrats **5.00** Sister Sister **5.30** Kenan & Kel **6.00** Sabrina **6.30** The Journey of Allen Strange

TROUBLE

7.00am Earthworm Jim **7.30** USA High **8.00** Saved By the Bell **8.30** California Dreams **9.00** Hang Time **9.30** Heartbreak High **10.30** Echo Point **11.00** Ready or Not **11.30** Earthworm Jim **12.00** Sweat **12.30pm** Heartbreak High **1.30** Echo Point **2.00** Hollyoaks **2.30** It's in the Jeans **2.45** On the Make **3.00** Sweat **3.30** Ready or Not **4.00** Fresh Prince of Bel Air **4.30** Saved By the Bell **5.00** Hollyoaks **5.30** California Dreams **6.00** Hang Time **6.30** Bangs **6.45** What a Life **7.00** USA High **7.30** Fresh Prince of Bel Air **8.00** Close

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Crosswits **5.45** Family Fortunes **6.30** Catchphrase **7.15** Fifteen to One **7.55** The Crystal Maze **9.15** Strike It Lucky **10.00** 3-2-1 **11.15** Through the Keyhole **12.00** Sale of the Century **12.30am** Moonlighting **1.30** Sweet Justice **2.30** Big Brother Jake **3.00** Snowy River **4.00** The Big Valley **5.00** Screenshop

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team (3386358) **9.00** Highway Patrol (8363938) **9.30** Cops (7522396) **10.00** Italian Stripping Housewives (7277174) **10.30** World Cup Undercover (7286822) **11.00 FILM: Creepshow II (1987)** (89mins) (3387193) **1.00am** Beverly Hills Bordello (4026052) **1.30** Italian Stripping Housewives (3261101) **2.00** Highway Patrol (7319472) **2.30** Cops (7338507) **3.00 FILM: Night Fire (1991)** (120mins) (7576878) **5.00** The A-Team (7041856)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Clueless (3445) **7.30** Roseanne (4613) **8.00** Grace Under Fire (2193) **8.30** Caroline in the City (8700) **9.00** Cybill (79193) **9.30** Ellen (78025) **10.00** Frasier (30377) **10.30** Cheers (49025) **11.00** Monty Python's Flying Circus (81938) **11.30** Still in Bed with MeDinner (95280) **12.00** Nurses (50491) **12.30am** It's Garry Shandling's Show (12743) **1.00** Frasier (43859) **1.30** Cheers (81507) **2.00** Caroline in the City (37858) **2.30** In Bed with MeDinner (49694) **3.00** Roseanne (56323) **3.30** Cybill (30946)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Quantum Leap (9978990) **9.00** PSI Factor (9998754) **10.00 FILM: This Island Earth (1955)** (85mins) (5411754) **11.40** SF Scene Special (3715990) **12.00** Sightings (1158965) **1.00am** The Tomorrow People (7745323) **1.30** SF Scene (2641588) **2.00** Friday the 13th (7392439) **3.00** Tales of the Unexpected (7732859) **3.30** Dark Shadows (1942033) **4.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am A Brush with Ashley **9.25** The Home and Leisure House **9.30** Gardeners' Diary **10.00** Grassroots **10.30** In the Workshop **11.00** Fishing World **11.30** Hometime **12.00** Our House **12.30pm** Home Again **1.00** A Cook's Journey **1.30** Furniture on the Mend **2.00** This Old House **2.30** Tool Time **3.00** Wilson's World **3.30** This Old House **4.00** Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Fishing Adventures II **4.30** Zoo Story **5.00** First Flights **5.30** History's Turning Points **6.00** Animal Doctor **6.30** Wild Dogs **7.30** Disaster **8.00** History's Turning Points **8.30** Bush Tucker Man **9.00** Lonely Planet **10.00** Supertwins **11.00** Wings **12.00** First Flights **12.30am** Disaster **1.00** Extreme Machines **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Great Bird, Big Business **7.30** Cormorant Accused **8.00** Wild Willy **8.30** U-Boats **9.00** Wild Horses of Namib **9.30** Wolverines and Oil **10.00** Throttleman **10.30** Everest **11.00** The Black Robin **12.00** Cathedrals of the Sea **1.00am** Close

TRAVEL (CABLE)

12.00 Travel Trails **12.30pm** On The Horizon **1.00** Pathfinders **1.30** Out To Lunch **2.00** On Tour **2.30** Tales From The Flying Sofa **3.00** Destinations **4.00** Reel World **4.30** In The Footsteps Of Champagne Charlie **5.00** Pathfinders **5.30** A Fork In The Road **6.00** Out To Lunch **6.30** On Tour **7.00** Travel Trails **7.30** On The Horizon **8.00** Go Portugal **8.30** The Flavours Of France **9.00** Of Tales And Travels **10.00** Tales From The Flying Sofa **10.30** The Food Lovers' Guide To Australia **11.00** Destinations **12.00** Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Victory at Sea **4.30** Men in Crisis **5.00** The Life and Times of Jesus **6.00** Ancient Mysteries **7.00** Legends of the Isles **7.30** Edward Windsor Presents **8.00** Close

CARLTON FOOD (CABLE)

9.00am Network Daily **9.30** Food for Thought **10.00** The Restaurant Show **10.30** What's Cooking? **11.00** Worrall Thompson Cooks **11.30** Kitchen College **12.00** Food Network Daily **12.30pm** Ross in Thailand **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** A Taste of England **2.00** Seasonal Kitchen **2.30** Network Daily **3.00** High Days and Holidays **3.30** Kitchen College **4.00** Simply Antony **4.30** Graham Kerr's Kitchen **5.00** Close

LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living **9.00** Rolonda **9.50** Jerry Springer **10.40** Young and Restless **11.35** Brookside **12.05pm** Jimmy's **12.35** Living Issues **1.00** Rescue 911 **1.30** Cook **2.05** Rolonda **2.55** Living It Up **3.55** Jerry Springer **4.45** Tempestt **5.35** Cook **6.10** Jerry Springer **7.00** Rescue 911 **7.30** Mysteries, Magic **8.00** Adrenalin Junkies **9.00 FILM: Every Woman's Dream** **11.00-12.00** Sex Life Down Under

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PIA examines fresh claims of mis-selling

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

FEARS are growing that the insurance industry is on the brink of another mis-selling scandal because sales staff are raking in huge and undeserved commissions from buyers of pensions.

The Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the industry watchdog, has confirmed that it has started carrying out specific checks on sales of free-standing additional voluntary contributions (FSAVCs) by all life insurers. These contracts are offered by life insurers as an alternative to similar, cheaper schemes available in the workplace.

The PIA has been spurred into action after reports that insurance company sales staff were taking large commissions for selling top-up contracts when cheaper contracts were available from occupational schemes.

Some occupational fund managers and actuaries have given warning that if the practice is not stopped, the industry will be faced with a mis-selling scandal on the scale of the pensions transfer fiasco of the 1980s.

Bacon & Woodrow, the actuary, claims to have evidence that employees are paying hundreds of pounds in unnecessary commissions which could wipe out half of all savings in the first two years.

A spokeswoman for the PIA said: "We have begun focus monitoring specifically looking at the sale of FSAVCs. This is equivalent to an audit and we will be publishing the results in a few months' time. If we find that mis-selling has taken place, we will decide on the appropriate action to take."

In a recent survey by Bacon & Woodrow, a quarter of pension schemes had members who had bought top-up contracts from outside and paid commission. That was despite the fact that the same contract, with the same provider, was commission-free within the company.

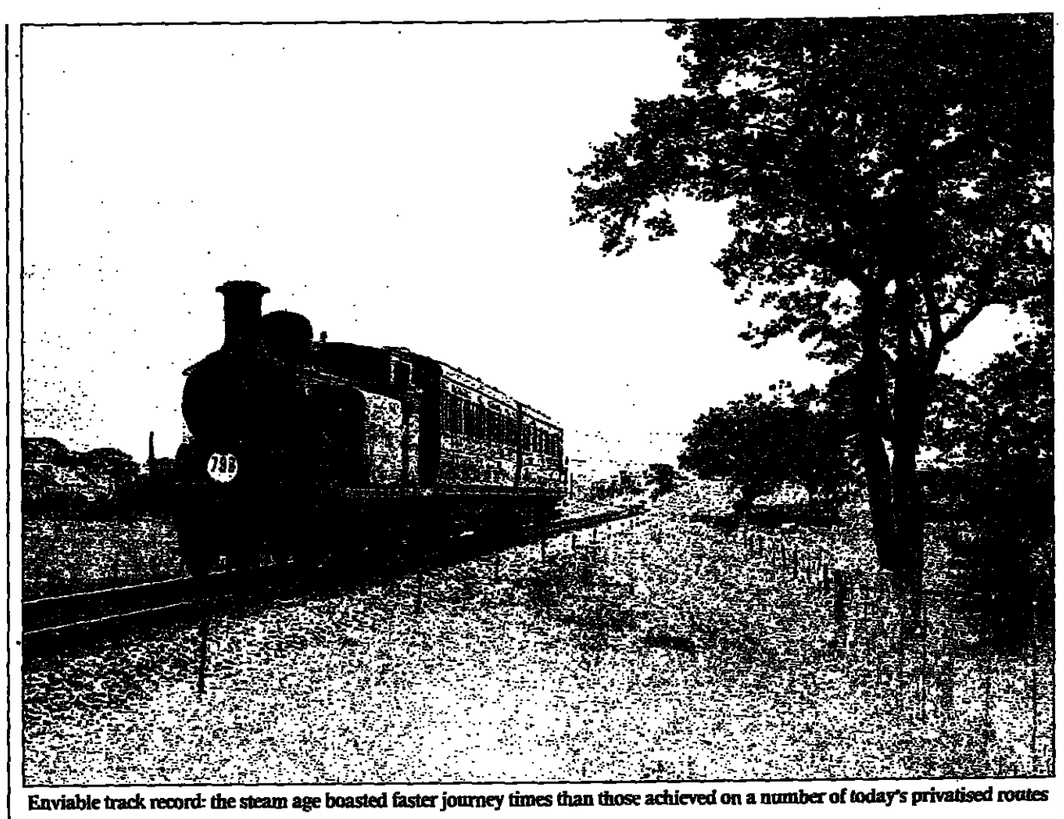
The PIA is still busy monitoring the compensation payments being made to people who were wrongly persuaded to transfer out of employers' schemes into inferior life insurance schemes in the 1980s.

Geoff Pearson, pensions manager for J Sainsbury, has accused some sales people of deliberately mis-selling FSAVCs to employees. He said: "Charges are generally much higher on FSAVCs than AVCs [available through workplace schemes] which means they usually offer poorer value. Some salesmen are clearly not providing employees with enough information about AVCs to enable them to make an informed decision. They are more interested in earning commission on the sale of FSAVCs."

FSAVCs are big business for insurance companies. According to the Association of British Insurers, sales are increasing and premiums last year totalled £775 million. Watson Wyatt, the actuary, estimates the amount paid into AVCs is about £1 billion. Employees can contribute up to 15 per cent of their pay to an AVC or FSAVC, less any contribution they are already making to their main scheme. The tax relief given on these extra savings make them very attractive compared with other forms of investment for retirement.

The PIA ombudsman, Tony Holland, said he did not believe the mis-selling of FSAVCs was on the scale of the pensions mis-selling scandal, in which up to 500,000 people may have been wrongly advised to leave their workplace schemes. However, he confirmed that complaints about FSAVC sales had increased by 50 per cent in the past year, and commented that they were beginning to acquire "a dirty reputation".

He added: "There are a lot of problems in this area. I think companies have got to get a grip on this."



Enviable track record: the steam age boasted faster journey times than those achieved on a number of today's privatised routes

Privatised rail takes the slow train

BY FRASER NELSON AND RACHEL OAKESHOTT

MANY of Britain's privatised railways are taking longer to reach London than the steam trains that ran the same routes in 1914, according to figures released this month.

Two world wars, electrification and a technical revolution have still left some English travellers settling for journey times their grandparents would have laughed at.

Virgin Rail and Connex Rail have emerged as the worst offenders in a laggards' league which identified the middle-distance routes which have shown no improvement over the past few decades.

The Margate to London route, run by Connex South Central, is currently timetabled at one hour and 33 minutes. In 1914, when it was run by one of Britain's 214 separate rail companies, the steam trains managed the journey three minutes faster. As recently as 1959, the Margate return trip cost 40p. Connex now charges £19.60.

Travellers from Liverpool to London — one of the main arteries of the British railway network — have a 2hr 45min journey under Virgin Rail. Under British Rail, in 1968, the journey from Liverpool was 13 minutes faster.

Both companies played down the statistics yesterday. A Virgin spokeswoman said: "Some of our trains are 25 to 30 years old — there is no denying that. They have been maintained to the best of our abilities, but they are like cars — the performance deteriorates over time."

Connex said it had added stops which made some journeys less direct: "In 1914, they were not running 1,750 trains from Monday to Friday," it added.

The 1914 data was discovered by Cecil J Allen, a famous figure amongst train enthusiasts who compiled the figures for the 1968 edition of *Modern Railways*, the trade magazine.

City jobs 'to rise by 100,000 before 2015'

BY MARTIN WALLER

ANOTHER 100,000 people will be working in the City of London and the financial-services industry by 2015, representing a sharp growth rate that will be achieved whether or not the UK joins European economic and monetary union, it has been forecast.

The forecast and a rosy picture of the City's future come from Tim Congdon, of Lombard Street Research, in a report commissioned by the Corporation of London. Professor Congdon, a respected economic commentator, believes that City output will continue to grow at the 7 per cent rate enjoyed since the 1970s.

He said his forecasts were based "on the identification and consideration of long-term changes in the world economy, such as the rapid growth of markets in countries such as China and India, rather than short-term expectations of business growth".

In 1995 the City, which Professor Congdon defines as the financial services industry located in the UK, employed 275,000 people, of which 195,000 were located in the Square Mile. He said he expected such jobs would grow by 1.75 per cent a year.

Creation of 100,000 extra jobs in less than 20 years, even if some are located at Canary Wharf and other developments outside the City, has implications for the property market, infrastructure and planning, Professor Congdon said.

The report, although not specifically about economic and monetary union, challenges the argument that EMU would automatically marginalise the City. It says that such claims "need to be specific about why particular flows of financial business will no longer pass through London".

Professor Congdon expects the growth in jobs to come on the foreign exchanges, in derivatives and in high-value services such as corporate finance and fund management. Employment in domestic banking and insurance is forecast to be static as staff shed to further productivity gains are replaced by those employed in expanding areas.

Ailing bank tests Japan's mettle

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

THE first test for Japan's policy of rescuing ailing banks could come this week with a merger of one institution widely feared to be on the point of collapse.

Concern about the financial health of the Long Term Credit Bank (LTCB) had been growing after sharp falls in its share price in recent weeks. Weekend press reports said the bank was seeking a merger partner and government help to overcome a liquidity squeeze.

Amid fears that its share price may be further hammered when markets open today, LTCB was expected to announce a sweeping restructuring plan to restore confidence. According to Sunday's *Asahi Shimbun*, the ailing bank is negotiating a merger with the much larger Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank (DKB), its biggest shareholder.

Quoting "financial sources", the newspaper said DKB is considering whether to absorb LTCB, which is burdened with a massive portfolio of unrecoverable loans, to avert further market shocks.

LTCB shares came under renewed pressure on Friday, plunging below the critical 100-yen level at one point in the day. The fall was attributed to Moody's, the rating agency, downgrading LTCB's debt rating to B1 from Ba1.

LTCB, the second of Japan's three long-term credit banks, reported an unconsolidated pre-tax loss of 320 billion yen for the 1997 financial year.

Meanwhile, Tokyo is considering setting up a new government-run "bridge bank" to take over assets and liabilities held by ailing banks.

Markets braced for turbulence as G7 fails to avert Asian crisis

WORLD MARKETS are braced for a difficult week as fears grow that the Group of Seven meeting in Tokyo at the weekend was not enough to prevent a full-scale economic crisis in Japan and the rest of Asia (Chris Ayres writes).

Traders remained sceptical that Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, could introduce measures swiftly enough to pull the country out of recession and repair its fragile banking system. The World Bank last week warned of a possible deep depression in Japan and Asia which could trigger a worldwide recession.

Mr Hashimoto is thought to be considering emergency cuts in both business and income taxes.

The Nikkei 225 average of leading shares closed 246 points down on Friday at 15,267.98, in spite of emergency buying of Yen by the US Federal Reserve to try to stabilise the economy. However, the yen climbed to a four-week high in anticipation of the G7 meeting.

Keiko Kondo of Merrill Lynch said: "Whether the hopes [for fresh action] can keep the Nikkei 225 from falling back depends on whether the Government can restore confidence by solving the problems of the economy."

George defends MPC's run of base rate rises

BY CHRIS AYRES

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday defended the Monetary Policy Committee's decision to raise interest rates six times since the general election, instead of introducing one large increase last May.

He made his case yesterday during an interview on BBC television's *Breakfast with Frost*, as criticism from exporters mounted and fears grew that another interest rate rise could be imminent.

The Governor said: "I don't believe there's any evidence to suggest that if we had yanked them up [interest rates] before, people wouldn't think we were going to have to yank them up even higher now, and we wouldn't have done even more damage to the internationally exposed sectors than they're already suffering."

Mr George failed to allay fears of a further rate rise by saying he was concerned that wage increases would "affect inevitably all prices in the economy".



George: failed to allay fears

He added, however, that the effect of the minimum wage — which critics say could add up to 0.4 per cent to inflation — would not be significant, and that the strength of sterling would ease as the euro was introduced and continental economies picked-up.

On the minimum wage, he said: "It ought to be a one-off effect, not a kind of addition to the continuing rate of inflation."

He dismissed suggestions that he had admitted it was a mistake to not raise interest rates by a full 1 per cent last year.

"We are at a point in the cycle where the judgments are extremely difficult . . . it would be incredibly arrogant if people thought that they necessarily got it right every time," he said.

Goldman Sachs out to beat Bill Gates's Cliveden bid

BY JON ASHWORTH

GOLDMAN SACHS, the Wall Street investment bank, is plotting a rival bid for Cliveden, the luxury hotel group that last week agreed to a £44 million offer from a consortium including Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft.

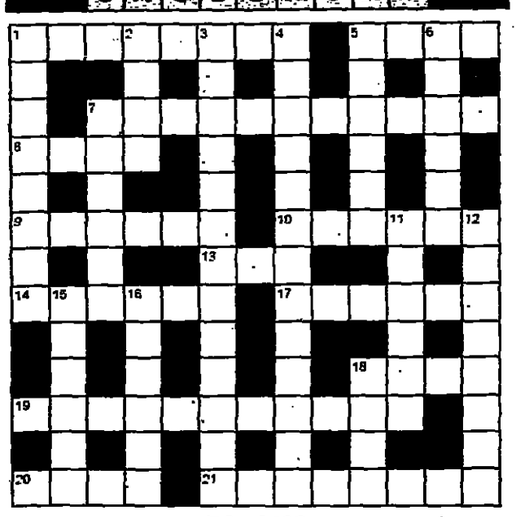
Goldman's property investment arm, Whitehall, is understood to have teamed up with Westmont Hospitality, a US hotel group, with a view to bidding for Cliveden, which includes the Cliveden Town House in London and the Royal Crescent hotel in Bath, as well as the famous Berkshire pile. Cliveden has accepted a bid from Destination Europe, a consortium of US investors in which Mr Gates holds 10 per cent. However, Cliveden can terminate it for a relatively modest £250,000 cancellation fee.

Destination Europe is 65 per cent owned by LF Strategic Realty Investors, a real estate partnership linked to Lazard Frères, the New York investment bank. The arrival on the scene of Goldman Sachs promises a clash between the two Wall Street rivals. Partners in Goldman last week voted to float their firm on the New York Stock Exchange, in what promises to be history's biggest corporate handout. Partners will receive an average of £45 million each.

A rival bid for Cliveden, floated in 1996, would ensure attractive spoils for John Lewis, its chairman, and John Tham, managing director, who own about six million Cliveden shares between them. The Destination Europe deal values their joint stake at £5.7 million.

Goldman Sachs declined to comment yesterday, but sources confirmed that discussions with Cliveden are in train.

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13 Raincoat (3)
14 Picture on skin (6)
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18 Earmarked money (4)
19 Humiliating (11)
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21 Afternoon prayer (8)

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